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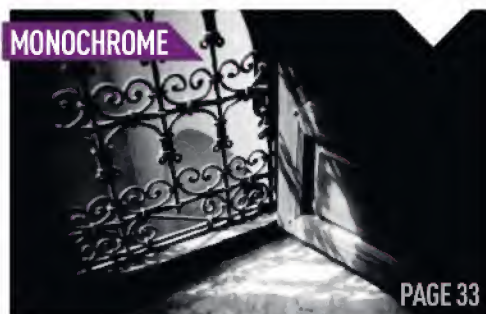
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**IT HARDLY** seems right that 'sight', as a single sense, should have to cover quite so much ground. Of the five senses, sight is easily the more complex, and is expected to work so much harder. Touch informs us of texture and temperature, and taste, flavour on top of that. Sight has to warn us of factual forms and their movements, but through the recognition of colour it also tackles temperature and mood.

In photography, the factual aspect of vision is what we use for composition, as we place objects in relationships with objects, matchmaking for lines, shapes, space and unspace. Colour, on the other hand, helps us draw the emotional response we require from our viewers – happy, sad, warm, cool,

sick and healthy. By touching a photograph we can't tell whether it was taken on a cold day or not, but when our eyes see the cyan/blue cast that blankets the page, we appreciate the frozen toes and fingers that went into its making.

While individual objects have a colour of their own, it is the colour of the light that shines on them, and the way we represent that light, that plays a crucial role in the communication of atmosphere. White balance is the neglected cornerstone of photography.



**Damien Demolder**  
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## PHOTOGRAPHER BATTLES OVER LOST BLUR PICS

**A PHOTOGRAPHER** has launched a legal battle with EMI over lost pictures of the band Blur.

Precious photographs of the group, which are thought to be worth up to £170,000, were thrown away by a cleaner working for the EMI music company, it is alleged in a writ filed in the High Court.

Photographer Paul Postle shot the photos at the height of the band’s fame in the Britpop era of the 1990s.

It is believed that the trashed pictures – running into the hundreds – were thrown away nearly a decade ago, but that it took EMI six years to notify Postle of the loss.

Postle captured the images for Blur’s album *Parklife*, which was released in 1994.

It is understood that the photos were



The photographer’s lawyer Rupert Grey says hundreds of images went missing

housed in three boxes with a label attached stating, ‘Not rubbish. Do not throw away.’

The writ states that EMI agreed to hold Postle’s archive.

Speaking to *Amateur*

Photographer, Postle’s lawyer Rupert Grey said: ‘Rolls of film from four shoots were lost.’

He stressed that the pictures were captured before the advent of digital

photography and so there are no digital files, as there would be nowadays.

‘The point is we are talking about originals here,’ he told us.

The writ was issued six weeks ago, but EMI has yet to respond, said Grey from Swan Turton solicitors.

A spokeswoman for EMI told AP that the company did not wish to comment on the allegation.

The loss of images captured on film has sparked several legal cases in the recent past, among them an action by the survival expert Ray Mears, who is a keen photographer.

‘Professional transparencies and negatives are worth more and more these days. There is value in the originals,’ said Grey.

Grey pointed out that EMI sued the cleaning company over the loss of Postle’s images three years ago, but the case deprived the photographer of taking action himself.

It was settled out of court.

## SNAP SHOTS

● A Canon digital EOS open day hosted by training company Experience Seminars will take place in Cambridgeshire on 23 November. The event will include sensor cleaning, technical support and ‘mini-seminars’ themed around macro photography, ‘captive wildlife’ and safari photography. The day costs £59. To book, call 01487 772 804 or visit [www.experienceseminars.co.uk](http://www.experienceseminars.co.uk).

● Michael G Wilson, co-producer of the James Bond films and an avid photography collector, has been appointed chair of the Kraszna-Krausz Foundation, organiser of the And/or Book Awards. The 2011 contest will reward the best books on film and photography published or distributed in the UK this year. For details of the £10,000 awards, visit [www.andorbookawards.org](http://www.andorbookawards.org).

## AMATEUR BEATS PROS TO RHS TITLE

**THIS** year’s RHS Photographer of the Year is an amateur who beat professionals to take the title, judges have revealed.

Vickie Howard triumphed over thousands of other photographers to take top spot with a photograph of tulips in the rain.

‘This picture really stood out for us,’ said James Arnold, licensing manager for RHS Media and one of the judges.

‘The atmospheric lighting of the rain coming down onto these pink tulips had to make this the winner.’

Meanwhile, 11-year-old Sam Kaye clinched RHS Young Photographer of the Year with an image of a hoverfly.

In last year’s contest, amateur Linda Wride also swept to victory. Her allotment shot eclipsed 2,000 other entries.



Vickie Howard’s shot of tulips in the rain was selected as the competition winner

## CORINNE DAY IMAGES GO ON SALE



**THREE**

photographs captured by photographer Corinne Day, who died of a brain

tumour in August aged 48, are to be auctioned in London next month.

‘These images are examples of Day’s hard-edged documentary work,’ said a spokeswoman for the sale, which will take place at Bonhams on 16 November.

Her documentary shots will feature alongside a rare nude study by Czech photographer Frantisek Drtikol, which is expected to fetch up to £30,000.



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A week of photographic opportunity

## PHOTO DIARY

Wednesday 27 October

**EXHIBITION** Cameras in the Community, until 23 December at Plymouth Arts Centre, Devon PL4 0EB. Tel: 01752 206 114. Visit [www.plymouthartscentre.org](http://www.plymouthartscentre.org). **EXHIBITION** A Celebration of British Wildlife, until 30 October at Hoopers Gallery, London EC1R 0AA. Tel: 0207 490 3907. Visit [www.hoopersgallery.co.uk](http://www.hoopersgallery.co.uk).

Thursday 28 October

**EXHIBITION** Two Person Show by David Gledhill and Corin Sworn, until 19 December at Castlefield Gallery, Manchester M15 4GB. Tel: 0161 832 8034. Visit [www.castlefieldgallery.co.uk](http://www.castlefieldgallery.co.uk). **EXHIBITION** An international exhibition of infrared photos and thermograms, until 28 October at Fenton House, Bath BA2 3AH. Visit [www.rps.org/events](http://www.rps.org/events).



Friday 29 October

**EXHIBITION** Ten Times Rosie (fashion photography) by Rankin, until 29 October at Annroy Gallery, London NW5 4BA. Tel: 0207 284 7320. Visit [www.rankin.co.uk/exhibitions-annroy](http://www.rankin.co.uk/exhibitions-annroy). **EXHIBITION** The Photographers (includes work of British photojournalists such as Bill Brandt), until 30 October at Chris Beetles Gallery, London SW1Y 6QB. Tel: 0207 839 7551. Visit [www.chrisbeetles.com](http://www.chrisbeetles.com).

Saturday 30 October

**DON'T MISS** Magnum Professional Practice – weekend of lectures until 31 October. Subjects include commercial photography and stock photographs (events are not aimed at beginners). Costs around £411. Visit <http://events.magnumphotos.com/magnum-workshop/magnum-professional-practice>. **EXHIBITION** Bromoils by Eric Mitchell, until 31 October at Dimbola Lodge, Isle of Wight PO40 9QE. Tel: 01983 756 814. Visit [www.dimbola.co.uk](http://www.dimbola.co.uk).

Sunday 31 October

**DON'T MISS** Diwali on the Square 2010 – celebrations in Trafalgar Square, London, feature dancing from 2pm. Visit [www.diwalinlondon.com](http://www.diwalinlondon.com). **DON'T MISS** Photomonth, until 1 November, a photography festival featuring exhibitions at galleries and other venues around east London. Tel: 0207 375 0441. Visit [www.photomonth.org](http://www.photomonth.org).

Monday 1 November

**EXHIBITION** Feline Friends by Sue Baker, until 30 November at Rhubarb & Custard Boutique Photo Gallery, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 6AS. Tel: 01753 676 404. Visit [www.rhubarbandcustard.biz](http://www.rhubarbandcustard.biz). **EXHIBITION** The Thames in Focus: London's River Through a Lens, until 1 November at Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London SE10 9LW. Tel: 0208 269 4747.

Tuesday 2 November **LATEST AP ON SALE**

**EXHIBITION** Mister Sixties: Philip Townsend's Portraits of a Decade, until 7 November at the Lowry, Pier 8, Salford Quays M50 3AZ. Tel: 0843 208 6005. Visit [www.thelowry.com](http://www.thelowry.com). **EXHIBITION** Platinum Prints & Classic Snaps by Elliott Erwitt, until 13 November at The Magnum Print Room, London EC1V 3RS. Tel: 0207 490 1771.



8MP, 60fps camera goes on display in Paris

## CANON SHOWS 'CONCEPT CAMERA'

**CANON** has showcased a 'concept' camera capable of shooting still images at a frame rate exceeding 60 shots per second.

Unveiling the kit, at the Canon Expo 2010 show in Paris, the firm said the model has a new eight-million-pixel CMOS sensor and is capable of shooting video with a resolution four times greater than Full HD.

Described by Canon as 'compact and lightweight', it has a fixed 20x f/1.8 optical

zoom, designed to deliver the 35mm viewing angle equivalent of a 24–480mm lens.

The zoom is powered by a 'new, fully electronically-controlled lens drive system', according to a statement released by the company.

Canon has stressed that showing the camera does not mean it has any plans to develop it.

A spokesperson told us that the camera was merely a 'concept', intended to illustrate what could be achieved in the future.



London's PhotoMonth is to play host to 'Bookzilla' and its 20x14ft winning images

## LARGEST PHOTO BOOK RECORD

**A PHOTOGRAPHY** book the size of a bus has made a bid for the title of the world's largest photo book.

Dubbed 'Bookzilla', the '20ft x near-14ft beast' showcases the six winners of a travel photography competition organised by online printing company PhotoBox to mark its 10th anniversary.

A spokesman for the project – to be unveiled at the Old Truman Brewery in Shoreditch, London – said: 'The jaw-

dropping "Honey I Shrunk the Kids" experience for all ages is set to leave visitors speechless as they walk in and out of its mammoth pages in an awe-inspiring photographic tour of the globe.'

The exhibition forms part of the East London Photography Festival, PhotoMonth, which runs throughout October.

Competition winners include Hannah O'Sullivan (Africa category), Rob Wicks (Europe) and Aysin Halil (Asia).





## SNAP SHOTS

● Photographers looking to sell their images may benefit from reading the latest edition of the *Freelance Photographers' Market Handbook*. The 27th edition has just gone on sale listing hundreds of magazines and other publications seeking pictures, along with the types of images required. It also contains details of more than 100 picture agencies. The 240-page handbook is available in bookshops, priced £14.95, or it can be ordered by post (£16.95 including p&p) by calling 0208 882 3315.

● Free Sony firmware adds AF support for A-mount lenses when used with the firm's NEX-5 and NEX-3 cameras. 'Single-shot autofocus is supported with 14 optional A-mount SAM and SSM lens models when used with the optional LA-EA1 mount adapter,' said Sony in a statement. 'Single-shot AF is also possible while in movie-recording mode by pressing the shutter button halfway down.' AF support for A-mount lenses also requires a separate firmware upgrade for the LA-EA1 adapter. For full details and to download visit <http://support.sony-europe.com/hub/hub.html>.



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THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY COLLECTION AT THE NATIONAL MEDIA MUSEUM, LOS ANGELES

## PHOTO HISTORY BOOKS SET FOR RE-WRITE

**A PREVIOUSLY** undiscovered method of image making dating from the 1820s may force a re-write of the photographic history books, claim researchers.

The findings stem from analysis of a photographic plate created by French amateur scientist Joseph Nicéphore Niépce, which was brought to England in 1827.

Although the findings do not reveal a previously unknown photograph, they appear to shed new light on the processes used to fix a photographic image, and Niépce's role in the recorded invention of photography, as we know it, in 1839.

Scientists point to the possibility that Niépce kept secret a process where he used a 'light-solidified' resin deposit resembling a material obtained when heating lavender oil, to help the plate accept the image.

This conflicts with records that suggest

Niépce had only used bitumen to coat the pewter plates.

The research was conducted by the National Media Museum (NMM) in Bradford and the Getty Conservation Institute in Los Angeles.

Scientists examined the image structure present in the metal plates using technology that included infrared spectroscopy to identify the organic components of the image layer.

They also used high-resolution digital microscopy to reveal details of the image structure.

An NMM spokesman said: 'Of the three plates studied, one illustrated Niépce's skill in copying prints of the day and included deep etching, done by the photographer to enhance the original photograph.'

'A second plate showed light etching over a photograph.'

'However, the stand-out artefact is the third plate, long thought to be enhanced with etching, which is actually a photograph without any hand tooling at all.'

The scientists say there is no previous evidence that Niépce used lavender oil to help fix his pictures and stress that they found no trace of hand engraving used to enhance them.

Asked why Niépce would have kept the process under wraps, the NMM spokesman told us: 'He didn't write anything down in case someone stole it.'

AP reported the potential implications of this research in August.

Niépce is known to have captured the first surviving photograph from nature around 1826.

History books record that the Frenchman was not only able to develop the image, but he was also able to fix it, having first experimented by copying drawings through the action of light – and subsequent etching – more than a decade earlier.

Niépce is believed to have contributed to Louis Daguerre's discovery of the light sensitivity of iodised silver plates in 1831.

Daguerre and British inventor William Henry Fox Talbot are regarded as the founding fathers of practical, or 'modern', photography in papers they published separately in 1839.

Researchers say their investigations provide new evidence of the significance of Niépce's contribution to the history of photography.

'Our findings are shining a different light on the early history of photography than has previously been documented in literature,' said Dusan Stulik, senior scientist at the Getty Conservation Institute.

'We have been able to create a fuller picture of Niépce and how he worked... This is a very good example of how new and significant information can be revealed when combining art history research with objective insight and the powerful tools of modern science.'

Niépce had intended to share his pioneering experiments with the Royal Society in England in 1827, but he never got the chance.

He died in 1833, six years before Daguerre – his sometimes collaborator – made his claim as an inventor of photography.

## NIKON OFFERS CELEBRITY PHOTOGRAPHER PRIZE

**A THREE-MONTH** placement with a celebrity photographer, plus Nikon camera gear, is up for grabs as part of a move to back 'emerging photographers'.

The Nikon Foundation is a competition open to final-year students attending a higher education, photography-based college or university course in the UK or Ireland.

Students are asked to submit a portfolio of images for the chance of a three-month placement with celebrity photographer John Wright, starting next summer.

Nikon UK's group marketing manager

Jeremy Gilbert said: 'We recognise that getting a job in photography after education can be tough, which is why we have introduced this "money can't buy" opportunity.'

'We hope that the winner will pick up some valuable experience, tips and skills from John to help them progress their career.'

John Wright said: 'I am delighted to be part of the Nikon Foundation and am really keen to support emerging photographers.'

'I'm looking forward to seeing the portfolios and interviewing the finalists to

find someone with raw talent, who is able to embrace a challenge and appreciates that a career in photography requires commercial awareness and drive, and that succeeding is not just about taking pictures.'

'I'm hoping to reward someone who shows the imagination, determination and commitment to excellence that's necessary to fit in with my team, with the opportunity to gain a real hands-on introduction to the realities of succeeding in this industry.'

The competition closes on 31 March 2011. For details visit [www.nikonfoundation.co.uk](http://www.nikonfoundation.co.uk).



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As autumn unfolded, AP had some advice for readers before winter set in. 'Now that the fields of summer are over, photography is beginning to look up... Many charming bits are still to be obtained by the "artistic" worker and medal hunter, now that the trees are beginning to shed their coverings and the autumn tints to appear.' AP urged readers to head down to areas such as the New Forest. 'Go, I say, before the cutting winds of winter hold their sway and ere the camera is banished to its winter somnolence.'

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## BREEZES FROM THE SOUTH.

BY "FOLIAGE."

Now that the field days of summer are over, photography is beginning to look up in this part. Many charming bits are still to be obtained by the "artistic" worker and medal hunter, now that the trees are beginning to shed their coverings and the autumn tints to appear. In day or so can be well spent by the worker with an "observing" eye in and around Lyndhurst or Brockenhurst. Go, I say, before the cutting winds of winter hold their sway and ere the camera is banished to its winter somnolence.

I HEAR that the Bournemouth Photographic Society will open their winter sessions on November 13th with a social evening. Tea, coffee, and refreshments are to be provided, and it is hoped to have a show of members' summer work and lantern slides, etc. I understand also that a capital winter programme has been arranged, that three additional lectures of the Royal Photographic Society have been secured, and that there are some other good things up the sleeves of the Committee for the benefit, not only of the members, but for the public of Bournemouth also, whether photographic or not, but more anon.

This cinematographer paid a visit to Bournemouth last week. As this was his first appearance there, it drew large crowds. The theatres graph is also announced to appear in November.

Club news from around the country

# CLUBNEWS

## BANBURY CAMERA CLUB

The club, which recently staged a fund-raising exhibition for a local hospice, says it normally holds meetings at Chenderit School, Archery Road, Middleton Cheney OX17 2QR at 7.30pm on Mondays. Visit [www.banburycameraclub.org.uk](http://www.banburycameraclub.org.uk).

## EAST IPSWICH CAMERA CLUB

Members will hold a bring-and-buy sale, by auction, on 2 November. Meetings take place on the first and third Tuesdays of 'most months' at Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5SU. Visit <http://eastipswichcameraclub.co.uk>.

## ESHER CAMERA CLUB

Sam Levy ARPS will host a presentation entitled '60 years from plates to pixels' on 2 November at the United Reform Church Hall, Speer Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0PL. Call 0208 398 8489 (available Tues 7.30pm-10pm).

## SNAP SHOTS

● Ricoh has added 'cross process' and 'high-contrast b&w' modes to its GR Digital II compact camera via a firmware upgrade. Benefits also include a doubling of the screen magnification ratio in manual focus mode. For details visit [www.ricoh.com](http://www.ricoh.com).

● An amateur photographer fell 70ft (21 metres) to his death when he lost his footing while taking a picture near a waterfall. David Heron, 58, tumbled into the River Tees on Sunday 10 October and was swept away. He had been trying to photograph High Force waterfall in County Durham, one of England's highest, say reports.

● Gitzo customers can claim up to £100 off camera support systems by trading in their old support at one of 25 Gitzo 5 Star stores nationwide. The offer applies to the purchase of a Gitzo tripod, monopod, head, or tripod/head combination. The offer runs until January 2011. For details visit [www.gitzo.co.uk](http://www.gitzo.co.uk).



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## 'Unique' image wins £5,000 'DEFIANT' GULL PIC WINS WILDLIFE CROWN

**PHOTOGRAPHER** Steve Young has won the British Wildlife Photography Awards with a picture of a defiant herring gull.

Young beat thousands to the £5,000 cash prize with a photo described by judges as 'unique and striking'.

Tom Hind from Getty Images, one of the judges, added: 'I like the defiance in this shot – the gull's refusal to be moved in

the face of this crashing wave seems to sum up a peculiarly British stoicism.'

Meanwhile, 14-year-old Adam Hawtin won the Young British Wildlife Photographer title.

To view the winning images visit [www.bwpawards.co.uk](http://www.bwpawards.co.uk).

The *British Wildlife Photography Awards: Collection 1* book is available from AA publishing, priced £25. For details, visit [www.theaa.com/shop](http://www.theaa.com/shop).

## SNAPPY SNAPS FORGIVES GEORGE MICHAEL

**SNAPPY** Snaps says it would welcome George Michael to any of its stores despite him colliding with one of the chain's London branches in July, causing damage to the shop front.

The singer was jailed for eight weeks after crashing his car into Snappy Snaps in Hampstead while under the influence of cannabis on 4 July.

He was released on 11 October after serving half of an eight-week sentence.

Speaking since his release from prison, a spokesman for Snappy Snaps said: 'Snappy Snaps welcomes George Michael as a customer and looks forward to seeing him at his local Snappy Snaps store in Hampstead or any of our stores nationwide now that he is out and about again.'

'We are pleased to note that his experience in prison was a positive one and that it has been an inspiration to him.'



Snappy Snaps bosses took the opportunity to highlight the recent launch of the Snappy Snaps App for users of the Apple iPhone.

'This means there's even more convenience for customers – they can order directly from their iPhone or online at [www.snappysnaps.co.uk](http://www.snappysnaps.co.uk) and pick up [prints] from their nearest store using the one-hour service.'

George Michael was jailed in September after pleading guilty to driving while unfit through drugs and possessing two cannabis cigarettes.



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The latest photography books, exhibitions and websites. By Jeff Meyer



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## American Color 2

By Constantine Manos

WW Norton, hardback, 143 pages, £48, ISBN 9-781593-720384

### BOOK

**IN THIS** sequel to his previous work, *American Color*, Magnum photographer Manos continues his exploration of what's real and surreal in contemporary America. These

extremes are often delineated by equal extremes of light and colour, with subjects either shrouded and obscured by deep, black shadows or illuminated by blinding sun and heavy, saturated colours.

Manos's unique collection is superbly observed street photography that uses natural light's different effects in telling the stories of his subjects. Like an everyman's Trent Parke, Manos uses the sunlight reflected off the myriad paved surfaces and exposes for the highlights to create the effect of crisp silhouettes of people being swallowed up by their environment.

Other times he greatly underexposes to saturate his colours and highlight the absurdity of what he is seeing. The American landscape Manos shows us is one that is gauche and strange, yet somehow familiar. Unlike other sometimes myopic looks at American society, Manos's study embraces the eccentricities with sentimentality. It's a wonderful collection.



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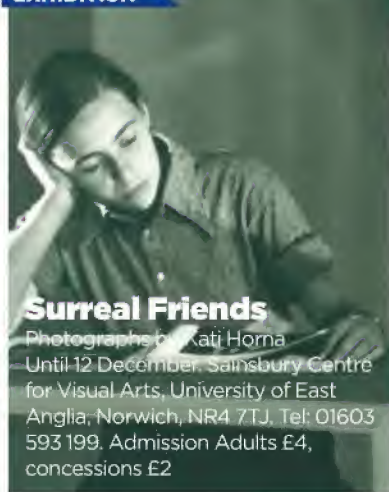


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**GEOGRAPH** aims to collect geographically representative photographs and information for every square kilometre of Britain and Ireland. Relying solely on the submissions of amateur photographers, it's a great way to do more with your pictures, meet other photographers and take more photographs. Most of the pictures aren't anything fantastic. Many are overexposed or the composition is slightly off, but the sheer depth and volume of imagery here is stunning. This is a lofty ambition, but the well-organised project is meeting every promise.



## EXHIBITION



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## Surreal Friends

Photographs by Kati Horna  
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**SURREAL** Friends celebrates the achievements and friendship of three leading women surrealists: British painter and sculptor Leonora Carrington, Spanish painter Remedios Varo and Hungarian photographer Kati Horna (pictured above), who were all targets of the Nazis and fled Europe, meeting in Mexico City in 1943.

After fleeing Europe, Hungarian-born Horna became a photojournalist, as well as undertaking surrealist photography projects. The exhibition shows her photographs of Paris in the 1930s and the Spanish Civil War, as well as images of her adopted Mexico that document the lives of her friends Carrington and Varo. Horna used surrealist and absurdist styles, but with strong elements of traditionalism, to evoke the mood of the time during what was a terrifying period in world history.



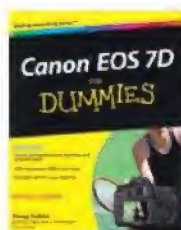
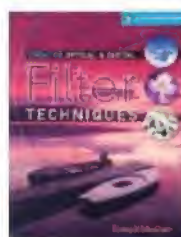
# CONDENSED READING

A round-up of the latest photography books on the market

## ● ITALY'S PRIVATE GARDENS

by Helena Attlee, photographs by Alex Ramsay, £35 What garden photography wouldn't benefit from Roman ruins, Italy's amazing light and Tuscan backdrops? Still, even despite these natural advantages, Ramsay's well-composed, perfectly exposed shots are a breath of fresh air in a sometimes staid format. ● **BEE** by Rose-Lynn Fisher, £20 Interviewed by Gemma Padley in this week's issue (see pages 21-23), Fisher's stunning black & white extreme close-ups of the humble bee are captivating. Using a scanning electron microscope, Fisher is able to magnify her subjects thousands of times with crystal clarity, allowing us a closer look at their structure. Amazing stuff. ● **CREATIVE OPTICAL & DIGITAL FILTER TECHNIQUES**

by Joseph Meehan, £12.99 The fact that this solid guide, packed with advanced techniques and lots of useful information, sells for the modest price of £12.99 makes this remarkable value. Photographers of all styles and abilities will benefit from Meehan's book. ● **CANON EOS 7D FOR DUMMIES** by Doug Sahlin, £21.99 It's easy to scoff at the *For Dummies* series, but there's a reason it is so ubiquitous and been running for so long. They're thick, plainly written guides, packed with all the information one needs, and this Canon EOS 7D volume is no less than that. At an affordable price, only a dummy would take a chance on another guide.



## Florescence

Photographs by Clive Nichols, text by Noël Kingsbury Merrell, hardback, 192 pages, £30, ISBN 978-1-8589-4534-7

### BOOK

**CLIVE** Nichols is well known to AP readers, as are some of the images in this book. Clive shoots all number of floral and garden images, but he seems particularly at his best when going in close on an individual flower with a simple, yet brightly coloured, background to give the image punch. That's what makes *Florescence* such a treat.

No detail has been spared in taking and producing this set of images, as Clive gets ultra-close and uses isolated focus to show off breathtaking detail, shape and colour, almost as if the flowers were sculptures. Sometimes it's hard to find any emotion in floral and garden

photography, but ultimately what comes across in this collection is Clive's passion for his subject matter.



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## LETTER OF THE WEEK

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### GIVE IT A TRY

Roger Lush's letter *No snobs here* in AP 16 October prompted me to look back at Ed Walker's letter (AP 2 October) that was the cause of Roger's comments.

If I interpret Mr Walker's comments correctly, it would appear that he is directing criticism at one of Aberdeen's camera clubs without ever having crossed the threshold of either of them. He says he is 'reluctant to go as the "snob" factor has prejudiced [his] view without [him] ever stepping through the club's doors'. And then he proceeds to say that it is no fault of the club or its members, who he is sure would welcome him without any problem.

So what exactly is Mr Walker's problem? Fear of the unknown? A comment made by his father 30 years ago? Undoubtedly, some camera clubs may have the odd member who pays more attention to the equipment than the photographic result of using it. However, I would suggest that these members make up a tiny minority of any club's membership.

I visit not a few photographic clubs in Scotland in my capacity as one of the dreaded competition judges, and I also give talks to clubs. This gives me the opportunity to speak to members of all sorts of clubs, large and small. Rarely have I encountered the 'snob factor', although I have met members who are more interested in equipment than photographs. These people are often the butt of other members' good-natured derision.

My advice to Mr Walker is to go and cross the threshold of a camera club, and experience the atmosphere for himself. I am certain that he would be allowed to go along for a few weeks before committing himself to joining. I can also guarantee that the first question he is asked will not concern the type of camera he has. More likely he will be asked what sort of photography he is keen on. Go on, Mr Walker, try it.

Neil Scott, Edinburgh

I was thinking of starting a club myself just for camera snobs, but now I'm worried that there aren't enough of them to join me – **Damien Demolder, Editor**

## SUCK IT AND SEE

David Bate's letter in AP 16 October raises the possible downside of using budget printing papers. The same doubts are often expressed about the wisdom of using compatible inks and their resistance to fading.

Can I suggest a simple test that Mr Bate and AP readers might like to try to settle the issue? Print a test piece on each of the papers you use – I make 5x4in copies of a Macbeth Color Checker chart, although any image with a good colour range would do. After recording details of the paper and ink used on the reverse side, cut each test piece in half and store one half away from all light. Put the other halves in a clip frame and place it where it can get most of the day's sun – I have left tests in my conservatory for four months, typically. When the exposed half is reunited with its other half, the degree of fading, if any, can easily be assessed.

My tests of various papers have been both interesting and enlightening. Glossy, satin and matt papers, those that contain optical brighteners and those that don't, can all give different results. However, this practical exercise will remove any speculation and tell Mr Bate whether his purchase has been worthwhile. My guess is he will be pleasantly surprised.

Clifford Brown, Somerset

That's a good test, Clifford, but really you need to make a fresh print too for the comparison. Even in a dark drawer, chemical reactions between ink and paper take place, causing colour shift and fading. It's not all about light – **Damien Demolder, Editor**

## KEEP IT REAL

Peter Wardle (*Letters*, AP 16 October) has a point: now that the majority of photographers are using only digital devices, perhaps we need to stop calling them 'digital'. However, that leaves those of us still faithful to silver images with a problem. What shall we call our kit, to avoid confusion? I suggest that we have alternatives. 'Film' cameras is one option, certainly. Or, maybe, 'real' cameras... **John Duder, West Midlands**

Further suggestions on a postcard, please – **Damien Demolder, Editor**

## SNOBS EVERYWHERE

I've never been a member of a camera club but I have experienced camera snobbery. While walking over Dartmoor in the West Country recently, I was stopped by a tourist who asked if I'd take a picture of himself using his camera. Having obliged, I returned his compact to him and he took this opportunity to tell me that the £1,600 Nikon D700 around my neck was 'rubbish' compared to his compact. I smiled and thanked him for his frank and expert advice.

I am both an active photographer and a photography teacher and my point is this: if I were a painter, would people ask if I use Windsor and Newton brushes or Rowney? If

## What The Duck





## THE FERRARI MODEL

I just wanted to thank Ian Farrell for the giggle he gave me in his reply to Ian White regarding the use of Nikon DX lenses (*Ask AP*, AP 2 October). It's true that 'Nikon was late in arriving at the full-frame party', but the company was making these funny full-frame things called film cameras for a few decades beforehand, and the lenses for these cameras work just fine on a D700. These film lenses include the 135mm f/2 DC that you pictured next to the letter mounted on a D300S, with the caption 'The Nikon D300S can be paired with DX lenses'.

Of the 65 current autofocus lenses on Nikon's website, only 17 are DX-specific. There is also a huge market in cheap used (FX) Nikkor lenses – I'm very happy with a 135mm f/2.8 optic from 1981, for example, and the kit lens for my D700 is a 28–200mm G, neither of which is still made but both of which are inexpensive second-hand. The latest and greatest full-frame Nikon lenses are expensive, but fine photos have been taken for years with the previous models, so don't dismiss them. Nikon takes the Ferrari model: instead of making new, cheap FX lenses, they let people buy second-hand.

Ian White may want to replace his DX lenses if he moves to full frame, but doing so isn't the challenge Ian Farrell suggests. Everything from a 6mm fisheye to a 2,000mm reflector exists in the Nikon F-mount and will work on FX digital Nikon cameras, and there's plenty of affordable kit in between.

Come to the (able to shoot in the) dark side, Ian – switch to a D700.

**Andrew Garrard,**  
Berkshire



I carved furniture would it matter who made my chisel? Snobbery is always something misguided and misplaced.

Always remember that the camera is only the tool that the photographer makes their work with. Just like chisels and brushes...

**John Tyrer, Devon**

**I hope he's looking to join a club –**  
**Damien Demolder, Editor**

## CINE SIZED

As many of your readers will doubtless have pointed out, Barry Heath isn't quite correct in his description of the origin of the now standard still 35mm format as the 'standard frame size for cinematic images' (*Letters*, AP 2 October).

Thirty-five millimetre cine cameras typically run the film vertically, with the width of the frame being across the film. One of the commonest 35mm cine frame sizes, the standard 'academy' frame, is roughly equivalent, as it happens, to the APS-C size we're all now very familiar with in DSLRs, although the aspect ratio is different (1.37:1). The cine format uses four perforations/frame.

There was a horizontally running 35mm cine format called 'Vistavision', with a 1.5:1 aspect, but this didn't appear until 1954, a long while after the first 35mm stills cameras, including Barnack's, which settled for the most part on the eight-perforation horizontal frame (some early Nikon rangefinders used narrower frames, and there have been square, panoramic and other variations all on 35mm stock).

Paper sizes are hugely diverse, and the common photographic print sizes come, as far as I can tell, from a bewildering variety of backgrounds, none of which has much

to do with metric paper sizes. The 6x4in, 12x8in and other 1.5:1 sizes are (obviously) suited for full-frame prints from 35mm film, although 12x8in prints were sold in the 1890s, so perhaps the 35mm still frame aspect ratio was chosen to match these.

'Plate' sizes match glass-plate negatives, but these have varied a fair bit from time to time and place to place. The great thing about standards, as they say, is that there are so many to choose from.

**Carl Williams, via email**

## REPAIR, DON'T REPLACE

It is common in these digital days to hear people advised to ditch a damaged digital camera as you can buy a replacement for less than the cost of repair. Well, that may be true sometimes, but not always. Earlier this year, my Nikon Coolpix P5100 suffered a mishap. It fell from my desk to the floor. Now, being a Nikon user, I expected that the camera would be OK, but unfortunately the Coolpix isn't built like a D2, so it wasn't.

I wasted many hours looking for a suitable replacement, but failed to find anything that met my requirements. Only one camera I looked at had an optical viewfinder, but it was heavier than I really wanted. What to do? Soon after, I went to Richmond Park in London, a trip that takes us past Nikon's UK offices. I dropped the camera in for an estimate, and I spent an afternoon photographing deer in the park.

The repair cost around £70, which was a fraction of what a new, less suitable camera would have cost. I was expecting an estimate of twice that so I was surprised it was so cheap. The moral of this tale is simple: it isn't always cheaper to replace than repair.

**Geoff Gale, via email**

# BACK CHAT

## AP reader Bill Edwards laments the slow death of film, but thinks he sees light on the horizon

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT** of the end of Fujichrome Sensia made me wonder what will happen to the supply of film. Everyone knows that the market for film is shrinking, but the important question is what is going to happen eventually? Is film going to shrink as black & white did to about 5% of the market, or will it shrink to the market share of bromoil?

It would seem logical that while there is a market for film, factories that make it will keep running while it is selling and nothing needs renewing. The crunch is likely to come when replacement equipment is needed and the manufacturer is unsure about the future. Curiously, declining markets can be very profitable for the last man standing as no new competitor would wish to enter a declining market.

It is possible that there will be a different answer for the different types of film. The situation with monochrome seems to have stabilised; several players have left the field leaving a niche. Monochrome is now used by amateurs and professionals who choose to use it, as well as some scientific and technical users who need to use it.

Users of colour negative film range from disposable camera users to professionals, so there is likely to be continuing demand. While colour slide film was the material of choice for serious amateurs and professionals, 35mm colour slide film could become a minor product compared to medium and large format.

I have seen two pieces of advice to new photographers advising them to use film rather than a digital camera. The first piece was to a would-be stock photographer who was advised to buy a second-hand professional film camera and scan the slides rather than trying to buy a professional DSLR. The second piece of advice was to a novice landscape photographer who was advised to buy a second-hand large-format camera and a quality flatbed film scanner on the basis that the combination would produce files of greater quality than any digital SLR and cost less.

The switch from film to digital is far less advanced in medium format and large format than in the smaller formats. The cost of large- and medium-format digital backs plays a part, but there is also the issue of dependence on battery power.

Of course, it is not just the supply of film that counts; it is the supply of the goods and services that make film usable. While film processing is still readily available, using film is not too difficult. If all films had to be home-processed, the market would contract considerably.

The future availability of film is hard to predict. While there will be some demand for film, the amount used will probably depend on the availability of the materials and services that make film usable. I predict that if commercial film processing is still available there will be a substantial market for film in the years to come.





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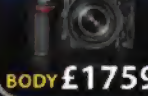
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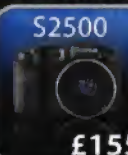
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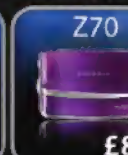
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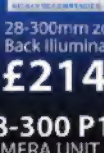
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## Andy wins prestigious wildlife award for tiger image

### AWARD WINNER



#### I REMEMBER

receiving my first major photographic award all too well. I had won the Animal Behaviour Category in

the 1998 BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition in my first year as a professional. I was nervous as I walked on stage to get the award from my hero David Attenborough. I dealt with the nerves as only I could. I told him, off microphone, one of the filthiest jokes I knew. He looked at me and then burst out laughing. All through the presentation we had the giggles – what a top chap! A few weeks ago I received a BBC award, the Gerald Durrell Award for Endangered Wildlife. The winning image, of a Bengal tiger (see right), is a poignant one as it's the International Year of the Tiger.

The image was taken on the last morning of my two-month tiger trip. We found this female soon after sunrise, walking through the grass, but too far away for a shot. As she disappeared over a small hill we edged around the corner, but she had vanished into thin air. Then my driver saw her in the grass. She was lying flat, ears forward, staring intently ahead and using her camouflage stripes to best effect. Her gaze was fixed on an unsuspecting herd of deer. Tigers are clever hunters and she was stalking out of the sun, invisible to the deer. Not once did she break the line of the horizon.

We edged the vehicle forward to get a more direct line, and since we were the first Jeep there this would also set the distance for the others and leave her plenty of space. I watched as the deer turned their backs and walked slightly away, and as if on cue the tiger rose from the grass and stalked slowly forwards. Her eyes were staring intently ahead and each step was taken with painstaking care; she was beautiful to watch, a magnificent predator in action. As she came closer I started to think about pictures and raised my Nikon with 200–400mm lens to my eye. The habitat wasn't that sexy and nor was the light, but I persisted. I locked the focusing point between the eyes and tracked her with my continuous autofocus. I was in the zone and the only thing that mattered was the tiger walking slowly towards me. As



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**Andy's shot of the Bengal that won him the Gerald Durrell Award for Endangered Wildlife**

she neared the Jeep she stopped, one paw raised, and cocked her head. I didn't miss. The hunt carried on for another 30 minutes, during which time she passed feet from the Jeep and eventually got into position for the charge. After a few tense minutes she leapt into action... but the deer were lucky that day and all her hard work was wasted. Well, not quite, as she will be remembered now forever thanks to the BBC WPOTY award.

Actually, I was surprised this picture won the category as, in my opinion, I'd entered better work in other categories. Yet this is the one lesson you learn about competitions – they are judged by humans and we all have different tastes. I have since asked a few judges why they chose it and it was simply due to its quirky, yet intense look. It set the image apart from others and that is what a competition is all about – standing out from the masses.





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# PHOTO INSIGHT



## HEATHER ANGEL

An internationally renowned photographer of the natural world and author of more than 50 books, Heather brings her expertise to AP

**Heather Angel explains how she used two studio flashes to capture this image of catkins bursting with pollen**

**WITH** its puffs of luminous green pollen, this image of catkins from a birch tree is a spectacular sight to behold. The image was actually used on the front page of the *Independent* newspaper in May 2006 to illustrate a story about vast amounts of birch pollen that had blown across from Scandinavia and settled in parts of East Anglia, Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire.

Birch trees produce catkins in the spring and these release pollen clouds during April. At this time of year you can see the puffs of pollen in the air. These pollen clouds can make an interesting composition, but you have to consider how to light the catkin to illuminate the microscopic particles. To show the pollen clearly, backlighting is the best approach.

In the field you could do this by mounting the flash or asking someone to hold it in the correct position, but there are lots of factors that make taking a shot like this difficult to do outside. You have to contend with messy backgrounds, and there is also the issue of the wind blowing the pollen in directions you don't want it to go or worse, not scattering enough pollen. To get this dramatic effect there needs to be a large burst of pollen from the catkins. I've tried this same shot outside, but it doesn't work as well.

I took this image in an indoor studio that I had created for this shot. I like working

in a controlled environment, but not instead of shooting outside. For my macro work I shoot both inside and outside; working inside complements the photography I do outdoors. For a subject like this, however, photographing indoors makes it easier to control what is going on.

There are several stages to go through when setting up this shot and certain things to bear in mind. After picking the catkin twigs I brought them inside and put them into water. Providing you don't move or disturb the catkins in any way when you come to photograph them they should still be full of pollen. A single catkin gives out a surprising amount of pollen and more than one is helpful for creating substantial clouds of pollen. It's a good idea to have more than one catkin branch so can have several goes if you don't get it right first time.

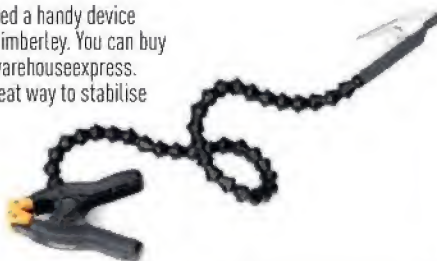
I try to get my shots right in-camera, as this is the way I've always worked. I took this image on my Nikon F4 with a 105mm macro lens. To light the catkins I used two studio flashes each mounted on a stand on the table and angled at 45° so the catkins were lit from behind. I made sure the flashes were out of shot. You can tell I used two light sources by looking closely at the rim lighting on the stem. The flashes have revealed the bright, intense greens of the leaves, catkins and the pollen brilliantly.

The simple black background was some distance behind the catkins. Focusing on the catkins, I framed my shot to leave space below the catkins for the pollen cloud. Afterwards, as I was editing the image, I added black on each side to create a square image. Using a piece of cotton tied around the twig (I made sure it wasn't visible), I tweaked it firmly once to shake the pollen from the catkins. I had someone to help me do this while I concentrated on taking the shot. The catkins moved sideways rather than backwards and forwards, which meant the focus distance wasn't affected. The exposure was 1/500sec. **AP**

*Heather Angel was talking to Gemma Padley*

## TALKING TECHNIQUE

To hold the birch catkin securely I used a handy device called a Plamp (pictured) made by Wimberley. You can buy these at Warehouse Express ([www.warehouseexpress.com](http://www.warehouseexpress.com)) for around £30. A Plamp is a great way to stabilise plants when you are taking macro shots. One end holds the subject in place while the other attaches to your tripod, although on this occasion I attached the Plamp to a lighting stand.



For information on courses run by Heather and her son Giles, visit [www.photographyandphotoshopcourses.co.uk](http://www.photographyandphotoshopcourses.co.uk). Heather's book, *Macro Through a Nikon Lens*, published by Chris Weston Publishing Ltd priced £18, is available to buy from her website at [www.heatherangel.co.uk](http://www.heatherangel.co.uk)







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Bee magnified 15x

# Bee dazzled

**Rose-Lynn Fisher's** bee images reveal an intricate, graphical world we don't normally see. **Gemma Padley** finds out how she created these unusual close-up images

**MOST** of us know what a bumblebee looks like, and with its distinctive yellow and black stripes and delicate wings this garden visitor is a popular subject among photographers. Chances are you have photographed a bee in colour, perhaps as it lands on a flower to collect pollen or nectar, but have you ever taken a picture of a bee at extreme magnification in black & white?

Eager to explore the world of the industrious bumblebee, photographer Rose-Lynn, who lives in California, set about doing just that. After approaching a

friend who works in a laboratory, Rose-Lynn undertook a series of shoots using a scanning electron microscope (SEM) to produce highly magnified images of different parts of a bumblebee.

'I've always been interested in looking at things up close,' says Rose-Lynn. 'As a child I used to love looking through a camera's viewfinder to explore the world around me, zooming in and out to compose images and using the camera as a way to see. One day I found a dead bumblebee and asked my friend if I could use the

microscope to look at it more closely. The first time I looked at the bee's eye I was amazed by what I saw. I became fascinated by the interlocking hexagonal patterns and wanted to explore further.'

## PROJECT

Over a period of 17 years, Rose-Lynn revisited the laboratory with dead bees she had found and gradually built up a series of images depicting a bee's body, antenna, legs, proboscis (mouthparts), eye and wings. Each



**Photographer Rose-Lynn Fisher combines art and science to create her bee images**







**Above:** A full corbicula (pollen basket) on the outer surface of a bee's hind tibia magnified 17x

**Above right:** Bee antenna magnified 1,100x



explorations of what is essentially a common everyday subject. Taking something quite ordinary, she creates images that are alien and unsettling to look at, but also enlightening and revealing. 'I wasn't approaching the project as a scientist, rather I was looking for interesting images of the bee,' she says. 'When viewed at this magnification the patterns become abstract and esoteric. I'm interested in patterns and finding abstracts in reality. I like to create images that have an autonomy, but that are also part of an interconnected whole. I wanted to explore the infinite patterning of nature to which we all belong.'

By looking closely at texture, design and form, and using light and shade to make the most of these structures, Rose-Lynn relays something of the reality of life for a bee and its role in nature. So while her images are abstract and surreal, they are also rooted in reality. 'I want my images to function on many levels – from science and nature to art,' she continues. 'The closer you look at the bees, the more you realise the patterns and structures never end. What makes it so exciting is that as you go deeper

and deeper you realise that what you're seeing – the unending complexity of this one creature – is just a tiny part of billions of other organisms.'

## COMPOSING THE SHOTS

Rose-Lynn would first look at the bee under a normal microscope to assess its condition before analysing it more closely using the SEM. 'First, I made sure my specimens were intact and not damaged in any way,' she says. 'Using a low magnification, I would look at the entire bee and work out which parts I wanted to photograph in more depth. I then arranged the bee to allow a clear view of the area I had chosen to focus on and tilt my head to decide if the subject looked more impacting vertical or horizontal.'

'I wanted to be able to create interesting compositions based on the bee's anatomy,' she adds. 'Sometimes when I zoomed in really tight the image became more about the texture, whereas zooming out allows the viewer to see the part of the bee more clearly. Just like when you're photographing a subject with a regular camera, you'll take several shots from different angles to see what works best. Looking through the microscope at varying magnifications does something to your sense of scale,' she adds. 'You lose a sense of what's big and what's small. Instead you're dealing with light and dark areas, texture and pattern, which are in turn linked with the bee's form and function.'

'Seeing a subject with such high magnification has opened up my photographic vision,' says Rose-Lynn. 'It has made me look more closely at things around me.' **AP**

time she photographed bees she had found. 'The project went through many different stages,' she says. 'Every time I went back to the laboratory I would bring another level of experience to what I was looking at through the microscope. In the beginning my inspiration was for the bee's eye and its hexagonal patterns, but then I started to learn more about bees and the process of pollination, which made me curious about the bee's form and how it functions. The bee population is in decline, so my focus also took an environmental turn'.

## GRAPHIC APPEAL

With their ferocious-looking barbs and bristling hairs, Rose-Lynn's images are

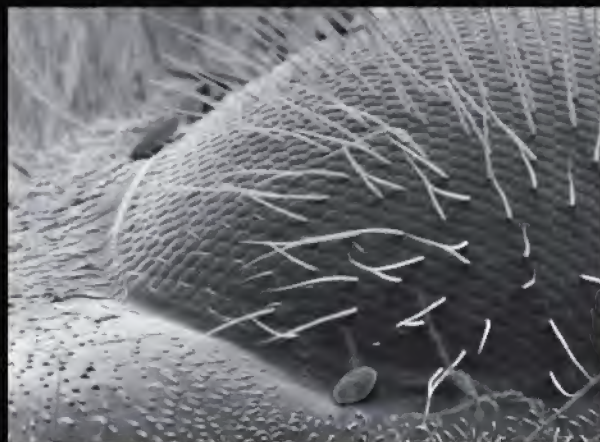


**A bee's sting magnified 37x**



Rose-Lynn's book *Bee*, priced £20, is published by Princeton Architectural Press. For see more of Rose-Lynn's images visit [www.rose-lynnfisher.com](http://www.rose-lynnfisher.com)





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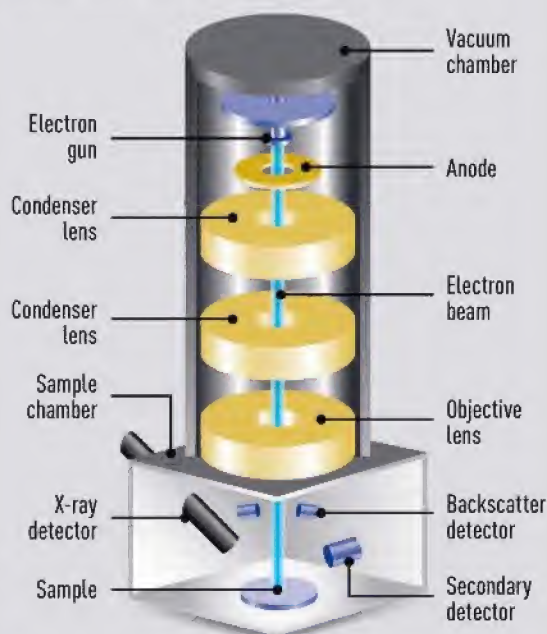
## WHAT IS AN SEM?

Rose-Lynn used a scanning electron microscope (a JEOL 6100 SEM) to create her images. The SEM scans an object using a high-energy beam of electrons. The electrons react with the surface of the object (in this case the bee, which is gold-coated to provide electrical conductivity) to produce a series of signals, which are then converted into a high-resolution digital image on a computer monitor. It is possible to control the brightness and contrast of the image as it is being created.

The image isn't a photograph because the beam is not a beam of light, and unlike a camera lens that is made from glass the lens on an SEM is made from magnets that control the direction of the electrons. Rose-Lynn processes the images in Photoshop, adjusting the exposure as she would a normal photographic image. The image is created in black & white automatically.

Using the SEM, Rose-Lynn could control the magnification of the bee from 10x to 5,000x by zooming in and out on her subject. She could also tilt and rotate the platform the bee was resting on to show different angles. 'The bee is placed on a platform in a vacuum chamber,' explains Rose-Lynn. 'There are controls on the microscope that allow you to zoom in closer and closer.'

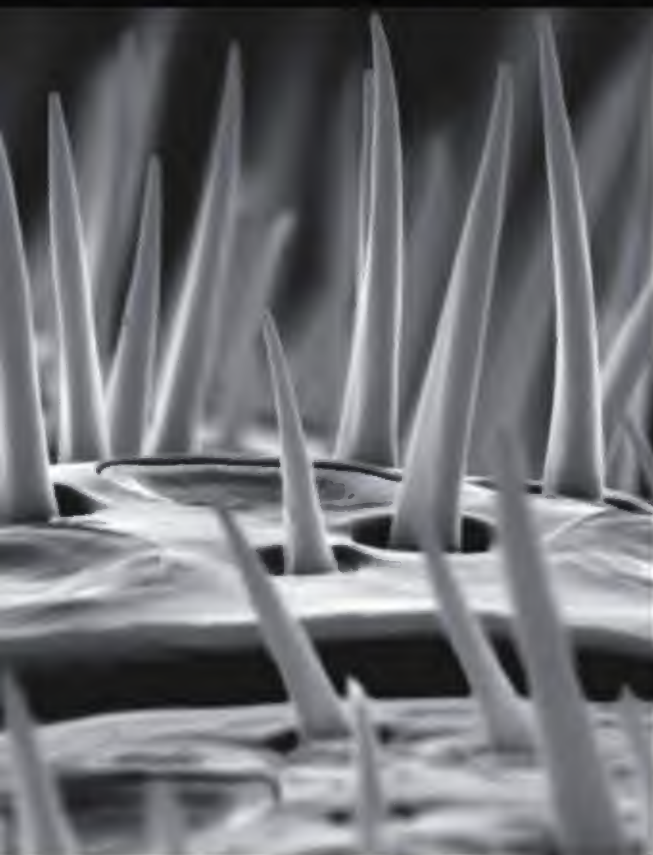
## DIAGRAM OF A SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM)



Above: A bee's eye magnified 70x

Top right: The elliptical dome of a bee's eye is magnified 190x revealing the interlocking hexagonal patterns

Left: Some of Rose-Lynn's subjects are magnified up to 3,300x, such as this bee antenna





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**Thursday 17 November**  
Return to the Park in the morning, then journey to Jaipur to take in the Hawa Mahal (The Palace of the Winds), the

City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar Observatory.

**Friday 18 November**  
A visit to the Amber Palace – an ancient hilltop fortress, where you can ascend the hill by elephant. In the afternoon, we visit the textile factories of Jaipur to capture the myriad colours of dyed fabrics, brought by camel cart for drying.

**Saturday 19 November**  
Fly to Calcutta, then on to Bagdogra. Check into our hotel in Siliguri then assemble for our legendary charter dining train on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway – magic!

**Sunday 20 November**  
We commence our ascent of the Himalayan foothills by narrow-gauge steam train. Our coach follows the train allowing plenty of opportunities to photograph it on its journey. Stop at the hill town of Kurseong, then continue to Darjeeling, and our our Raj-era hotel, The Elgin.

**Monday 21 November**  
A free day to enjoy Darjeeling. If you can stand an early start (4:30am!) and the weather is clear, there's the chance to photograph a spectacular sunrise over the Himalayas from Tiger Hill. There is much to see in this interesting hill station – the bazaar, the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre, the shops and of course the mountain scenery

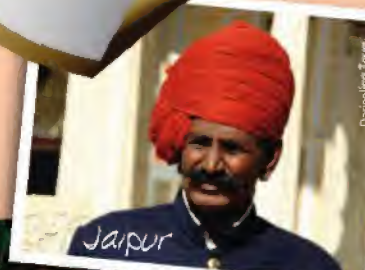
**Tuesday 22 November**  
Explore more of Darjeeling, before returning to Siliguri. On the way we'll visit one of the tea estates for which Darjeeling has become famous. Then we travel to nearby New Jalpaiguri station for the "Darjeeling Mail", our overnight train to Calcutta.

**Wednesday 23 November**  
Nowhere in India is the legacy of the British Raj more apparent than in Calcutta. We'll be seeking out some of the most interesting colonial buildings.

**Thursday 24 November**  
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**Friday 25 November**  
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**Saturday 26 November**  
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# APOY 10

## AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

We saw animals from all walks of life  
in our **Walk On The Wild Side** round

**Lee Jeffries**, of Greater Manchester, wins first place in our **Wildlife and domestic animals** round of APOY 2010. Lee will receive Canon's 18MP EOS 550D with EF-S 18-135mm f/3-5.6 IS lens kit, worth £1,099.99. The EOS 550D offers an ISO range of up to 6400 – expandable to 12,800 – along with full HD movie capability, an external microphone socket and a 63-zone dual-layer metering sensor. The all-purpose EF-S 18-135mm f/3-5.6 IS features a 4-stop Image Stabilizer and automatic panning and tripod detection. The winner will also get Canon's EF 75-300mm f/4-5.6 III USM, with a close focusing distance of 1.5m and a filter diameter of 58mm. In total, Lee will receive prizes worth £1,499.98.

Our second-placed winner is **Sean Slevin**, of Co Wexford, Ireland, who will receive Canon's 14.1-million-pixel PowerShot SX210 IS compact camera, worth £329. With a 14x wideangle optical zoom, optical image stabilizer, smart auto and face detection, plus full manual control and HD movies, the PowerShot SX210 IS combines power with style.

**Ian Webb**, of Bristol, finished third and receives Canon's 12.1MP PowerShot A3100 IS, worth £159. This slim compact camera packs a big punch, boasting a 4x optical zoom with optical image stabilizer, motion-detection technology, smart auto and easy modes, super vivid and poster effect and capability for VGA movies.

### The leader board

With two rounds left to judge in APOY 2010, the competition is fierce. A case could be made where nearly everyone in our top ten below could win the overall competition. A win by **Lee Jeffries** puts him right in contention, while another strong showing by **Sean Slevin** puts him just shy of the top spot. Meanwhile, top 50 finishes for **Dan Deakin** and **Martin Greškovič** keep them in solid positions. Watch out for the results of Round 9, **Black or White**, in our 26 November issue.

1	Martin Greškovič	240pts	6	Paul Whiting	152pts
2	Sean Slevin	231pts	7	Simonas Valatka	139pts
3	Dan Deakin	227pts	8	Adam Hirons	133pts
4	Lee Jeffries	213pts	9	Dave Wilcox	119pts
5	Ricardo Alarcon	172pts	10	Adrian Hall	118pts
				10 Phan Hien	118pts



**1 Lee Jeffries**  
Greater Manchester **46pts**  
Canon EOS 5D, 85mm, 1/3200sec  
at f/4, ISO 100

♣ Lee was on his way to Whaley Bridge to see a client for work, and to get there from Stockport he had to go into the Peaks. 'There is an old country road that cuts across a farm and sits right at the top of the hills,' he says. 'You can see for miles around, and I noticed this horse on the horizon. The light was beautiful and soft, and filtered through quite thick clouds.' Lee pulled over and rested his camera on a stone wall and shot three frames. 'The key was the luminosity of the light from the clouds, so in Lightroom I knocked down the exposure and then dodged back for atmosphere in Photoshop. I knew I could pull back on the exposure because the atmosphere I wanted didn't need detail in the foreground or the subject.' **Judges say** We're hesitant to call any image 'perfect', but it's hard to find any flaws with this picture. Lee's silhouette is crisp, the light falling in just the right place to isolate the animal amid the darkness. This is a remarkable feat.

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Second  
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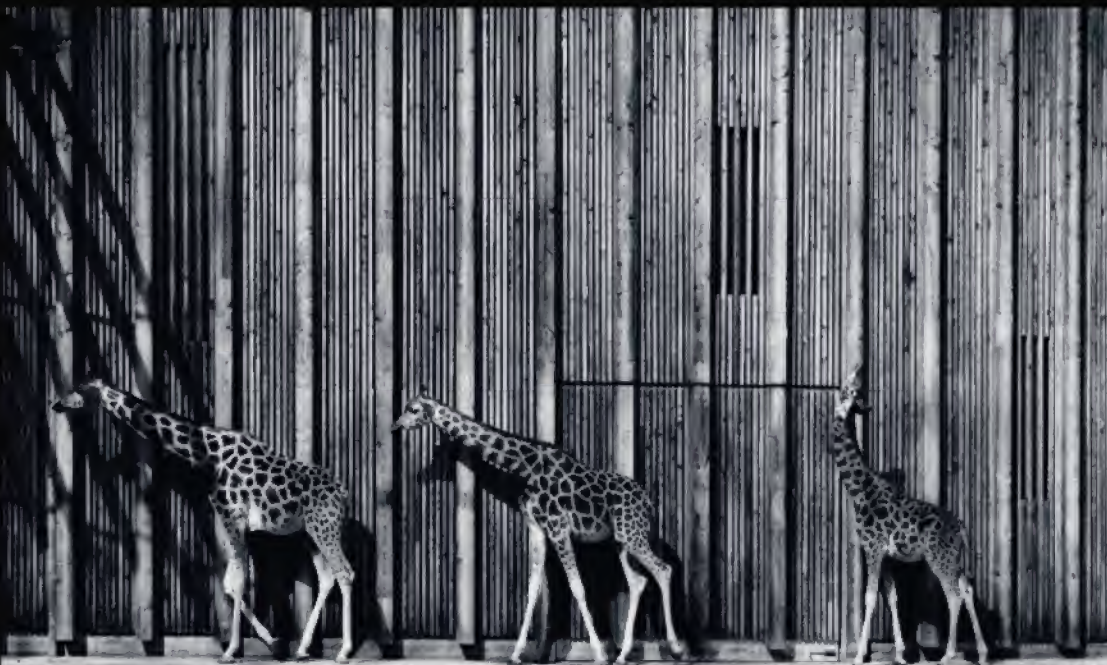
**2 Sean Slevin**  
Co Wexford, Ireland **43pts**  
Canon EOS 500D, 28mm, 1/200sec at f/1.8

♦ For his Walk on the Wild Side entry, Sean says he had a lot of sea and garden bird shots that he considered sending in, but ultimately he wanted something that would make the viewer question what's going on. This led him to his cat and the mystery of what it gets up to. 'I had the idea of a cat in an urban setting, but when I noticed the light coming in through the shed door it was just a case of setting up the camera and calling the cat for breakfast,' Sean says. 'I used a shutter speed of 1/200sec to show a little movement and boosted the contrast in Photoshop. The tiled floor also helped create depth.' **Judges say** Sean's intended mysterious effect works quite well. The high contrast of the cat stepping in from the brightly lit exterior into such a dark room is very striking, and the low perspective helps us see this scene as the cat saw it.

Third  
prize

**3 Ian Webb**  
Bristol **42pts**  
Canon EOS 450D, 18-55mm,  
1/250sec at f/1, ISO 200

♦ Ian took this image at a zoo in Lyon, France. 'I was fascinated by the way these giraffes would go back inside at the same time every day for a siesta and some food, so I came back over four or five days to try to capture them when the sun was casting intricate shadows. I had in mind a black & white image because of the patterns involved. On the last day I was there they walked in single file and the one at the back just happened to throw her head back at the right moment, completing the image I had in mind.' **Judges say** Ian has showed great patience in creating this very striking image. The perfect background, poses and light – it all works very well.







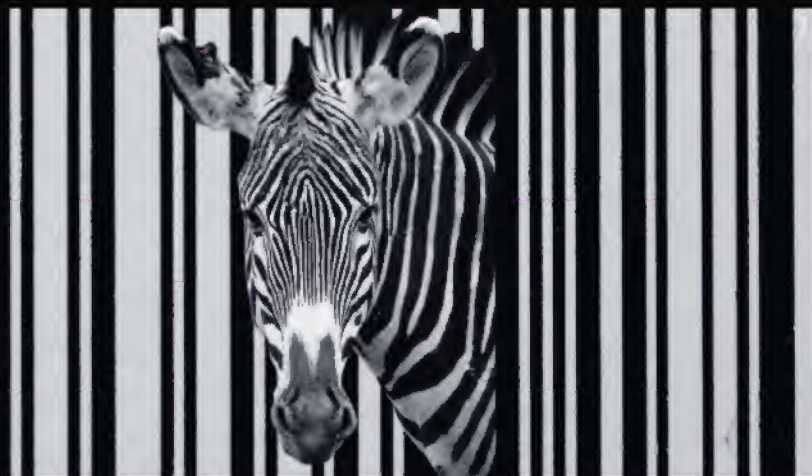
**4 Herbert Freedom** West Java, Indonesia **40pts**  
 Nikon D70, 55-200mm, 1/320sec at f/5.6, ISO 400  
 'Chameleon in my garden' **Judges say** Beautiful soft light, impeccable composition – Herbert's image is simply stunning

**5 Richard Craze** Mid-Glamorgan **39pts**  
 Nikon D2X, 28-105mm, 1/200sec at f/13  
 Terrier **Judges say** How Richard got this dog to sit patiently in a studio setting, we don't know. But it's a stunning portrait that really captures the dog's personality

**6 Simon Robinson** Kirkcudbrightshire **39pts**  
 Mamiya 6, 75mm, Ilford FP4+  
 'Lucky' **Judges say** Simon has done well to make a more unusual portrait and capture this horse's curious nature

**7 Roger Cope** Cheshire **37pts**  
 Nikon D80, 60mm macro/18-200mm, 1/2sec at f/16, ISO 100 and 1/125sec at f/5.6, ISO 400  
 Zebra portrait combined with bar code **Judges say** A clever illustration that works due to Roger's skill

**8 Andy McDonnell** Co Kildare, Ireland **36pts**  
 Nikon D300, 70-200mm, 1/1000sec at f/9, ISO 200  
 'Gannets play with a feather on the Saltee Islands' **Judges say** Andy was lucky enough to find this nice moment between two birds and composed the scene beautifully







- 9 Gary Telford** Lancashire **36pts**  
 Sony Alpha 700, 50mm, 1/2500sec at f/4, ISO 200  
 'Lonely donkey on the beach' **Judges say** Gary has cleverly given his image a great sense of depth by positioning himself so the chair is between him and the donkey, with the group in the background. A great scene

- 10 Jacek Obloj** Essex **36pts**  
 Canon EOS 5D Mark II, 85mm, 1/250sec at f/2.8, ISO 125  
 'Catwalk' **Judges say** Jacek has made quite a mysterious and surreal image by framing the cat small amid this blue room

- 11 Joe Tully** Co Wicklow, Ireland **36pts**  
 Canon EOS 20D, 18-55mm, 6secs at f/18, ISO 400  
 Grey heron fishing at night **Judges say** A fantastic use of light and shadow in what must have been difficult shooting conditions



- 12 Lee Flack** Essex **36pts**  
 Nikon D90, 285mm, 1/1250sec at f/5, ISO 800  
 Duckling drinking **Judges say** Rarely have we seen such a fantastic reflection

- 13 Sudip Roychoudhury** Kolkata, India **36pts**  
 Nikon F65, 70-300mm, Fujifilm 200  
 Tiger swimming **Judges say** Sudip shows a clever use of lines by framing to include the empty spaces in the water where the tiger has been swimming





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**14 Dennis Low** Hull **35pts**

Panasonic Lumix DMC-GF1, 20mm, 1/80sec at f/7.1, ISO 100

'My cat in the garden after catching a robin' **Judges say** We see lots of pet portraits, but Dennis's image gives us a greater sense of drama and the cat's personality

**15 Tim Wilson** Essex **35pts**

Nikon D300, 18-70mm, 1/160sec at f/4.5

Ape at Colchester Zoo **Judges say** Tim's close-up has captured stunning detail with amazing clarity

**16 Graham Stevenson** Hertfordshire **34pts**

Canon EOS 5D, 400mm, 1/4000sec at f/11

Wildebeest during the annual Serengeti migration **Judges say** Graham has given his image a fine-art feel with his soft, misty light and silhouettes

**17 Lauren Metcalfe** Cleveland **34pts**

Nikon D90, 18-50mm, 1/2500sec at f/5.6, ISO 200

Traveller's horse tied up in a field **Judges say** Lauren has created a striking effect of the horse blending into the white background, which she achieved by boosting the highlight levels and slightly desaturating the image

**18 Peter Clark** Manchester **34pts**

Canon EOS 400D, 18-200mm, 1/2000sec at f/9, ISO 800

Starlings coming in to roost at sunset **Judges say** Peter has made a simple graphic out of beautiful light and crisp silhouettes

**19 Peter Phillips** Bristol **34pts**

Canon EOS-1D Mark II, 28-135mm, 1/250sec at f/7, ISO 50

'I often pass this cat in the window of an old barn,' says Peter **Judges say** Well seen and well composed. Peter has taken a common subject and made it a bit different

**20 Philip Teale** South Yorkshire **34pts**

Nikon D80, 300mm, 1/180sec at f/5.6

Ostrich at Chester Zoo **Judges say** The clean background, upright format and use of black & white all focus our attention on the ostrich's long neck and funny expression. Well done

**21 Mik Jones** Surrey **33pts**

Nikon D200, 70-200mm, 1/320sec at f/4

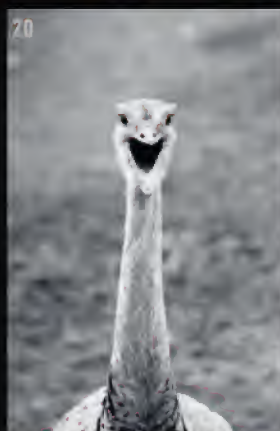
'A fox called Frodo taken at the British Wildlife Centre near Lingfield, Surrey' **Judges say** We see a lot of pictures of foxes, but Mik's profile view and mid-yawn capture makes his unique



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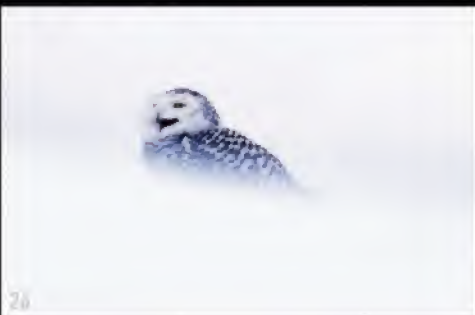


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**22 Neil MacGregor** Glasgow **33pts**  
Nikon D700, 300mm, 1/400sec at f/2.8, ISO 200  
Red squirrel in Rothiemurchus Estate, Cairngorms National Park  
**Judges say** Nice soft light and a neutral background have let Neil emphasise the rich colour of the red squirrel

**23 Nick Tsiatinis** Leicestershire **33pts**  
Canon EOS 5D Mark II, 70-200mm, 1/500sec at f/3.2, ISO 100  
Endangered Amur leopard at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation in Kent  
**Judges say** Nick has moved round to the side for a profile view, and gone in close and tight to create a different image

**24 Ricardo Alarcon** Gloucestershire **33pts**  
Nikon D700, 60mm, 1/500secs at f/4.2, ISO 800  
Bee and hoverfly **Judges say** The red flower provides a great contrast between the yellow and black bodies of the bee and hoverfly

**25 Carlo Silva** Seregno, Italy **32pts**  
Nikon D90, 18-200mm, 1/250sec at f/11  
'Three gulls and the minarets of Sultanahmet, Istanbul, Turkey'  
**Judges say** This is a well-observed shot and the type of scene you only get one chance to photograph. Well done

**26 Don Hooper** Bristol **32pts**  
Canon EOS 3, 500mm, 1/100sec at f/4, Fujichrome Provia  
Snowy owl at Aviemore, Cairngorms **Judges say** Don has made a great composition by surrounding the owl in white and drawing the viewer's attention to it

**27 Rob Deyes** Hull **32pts**  
Canon EOS-1D, 100-300mm, 1/400sec at f/13  
Family and pet day at a local park **Judges say** Rob's perspective and well-observed scene evoke the spirit of Elliott Erwitt

**28 Darren Edmunds** Oxfordshire **31pts**  
Nikon D300, 18-200mm, 1/250sec at f/14, ISO 200  
'Zak, the dog' **Judges say** Darren used a black sheet and two off-camera flashes to capture this superbly lit portrait

**29 Tim Oram** Suffolk **31pts**  
Nikon D3, 300mm + extension tube, 1/10,000sec at f/22, ISO 400  
Blue tit **Judges say** Tim skillfully used high-speed flash with an infrared beam to trigger his camera and get this dramatic, stop-action shot of a bird living in his garage

**30 Adam Hirons** Devon **31pts**  
Canon EOS 40D, 50mm, 1/125sec at f/2.8, ISO 1600  
'My German shepherd in the woods outside Plymouth' **Judges say** Adam has captured stunning depth of field, and his decision to use black & white makes it timeless



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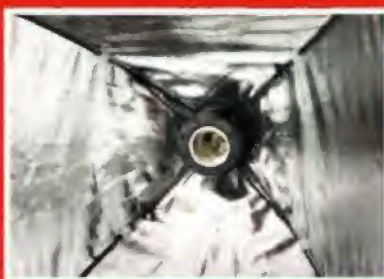
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# The dark ages

As the nights draw in, **Lee Frost** explains how to make the most of dark, moody scenes to create atmospheric images full of drama

**MOST** of the photographs we take are very average. I'm not suggesting that they lack interest or impact, but rather that they're average in terms of their tonal balance. Cameras are designed to correctly expose scenes that have a fairly even (average) mix of light and dark tones, and if you look around you most things fall into that category. Yet just because the world tends to look average, and our cameras try to record everything as though it were average, your photographs don't have to be.

It's all down to interpretation and previsualisation. The scenes and subjects you shoot don't have to look the same in a photographic image as they do in real

life – which is why black & white is a perfectly acceptable medium, even though we see everything in colour.

It's all about mood. Images that give shadows centre-stage and celebrate black exude mystery. Contrast is high, with midtones in short supply and highlights mainly defining shape, but on the whole tones are dark. Think black on black.

The key is in the lighting, which needs to be selective so that it highlights edges and reveals shapes against a dark or black background. In art this is known as the *chiaroscuro*, after a style of drawing that emerged in the Renaissance. The literal English translation for *chiaroscuro*

is 'light-dark', and it involves the use of bold contrasts to achieve a sense of volume and three-dimensions.

In the studio it's relatively easy to create the *chiaroscuro* effect. All you need is a single light source – ideally a flash unit – and a black background. If you place the light source behind your subject so it's hidden from view, rim lighting will be created where a fine white 'pencil line' of light traces the outline of your subject and reveals its shape against the background. Try this on portraits where your subject is at 90° to the camera so the rim lighting reveals the profile.

A less extreme approach is to position the light at 45° behind your

**Look for scenes with mainly dark tones and a hint of light to create a contrasty image**







**Above:** Rain on cobble streets can make a great atmospheric shot as the areas of reflected light break up the shadows brilliantly

**Top right:** The majority of your image will consist of dark tones, but carefully placed highlights can be used to define shape and form

**Above right:** Coastal landscapes make excellent moody subjects, especially in bad weather conditions



subject so it has a 'glancing' effect and reveals more shape but still retains the chiaroscuro effect. This is particularly effective for nude studies as it highlights the shape of the subject's body without being too revealing.

While you're experimenting with lighting, also try shooting portraits with a single light and softbox positioned at 90° to your subject so they're side-lit. This isn't a flattering form of light as it reveals skin blemishes, but it's great for character portraits of older people.

Outdoors you have less control over the light, so it's a case of finding darkly lit subjects rather than creating them. Low sun can help as it has a 'raking' effect and casts long shadows that help to lower the tonal values of a scene. Moody portraits are easy to shoot early or late in the day – all you need to do is find a dark background and use the sun to sidelight or partially backlight your subject. It's also easier to hide the sun behind solid objects such as buildings or trees when it's low in the sky.

Bad weather naturally lends a moody feel to the landscape, with dark, stormy skies and a lack of direct light reducing scenes to sombre impressions. Sea views and landscapes containing water are especially suitable because the smallest glint of brightness in the sky will be reflected to emphasise the darkness. You need light

tones to break up the darkness and create definition, but only in small amounts.

Street scenes at night after rain are another good source for creating atmospheric images because the light from street lamps will reflect in wet surfaces such as cobblestones or car bodywork, but rapid light fall-off means there will also be large expanses of darkness. You could also try shooting in moonlight – the light from a full moon shimmering on inky black



water creates a classic film-noir effect.

The way you expose is crucially important. Dark scenes with small areas of light may have a brightness range of 8 to 10 stops due to the high contrast. For 'normal' photographs this excessive range would create problems because you'd struggle to record shadow detail without blowing the highlights. However, in images that major on mood, lost shadow detail can actually add to the dramatic atmosphere. It also doesn't



**You only need a small amount of light to create intriguing graphic images**





**Above left:** Try shooting in moonlight and think about how you can use shadow to accentuate particular areas of a scene



**Above right:** When lit correctly, moody lighting can be used to bring out the character in your subject's face

matter if the highlights blow out as they will occupy only a small part of the image and be used mainly to reveal shape and separate the dark tones. The extreme contrast that results – black and white with few or no midtones – will be effective in its own right.

I tend to bracket a sequence of exposures and choose the most workable raw file later. The darkest exposure in the sequence – the one that probably looks best on your camera's LCD monitor – will show the image tones bunched on the left side of the histogram because it consists mainly of dark tones (shadows are far left, highlights far right and midtones in the middle).

However, because the left side of the histogram records far fewer tonal values than the right side, I bracket exposures in +1/3 stops to lighten the image and move the tones in the histogram little by little to the right. This is done to record more tonal

values in the image. You can't see any difference, but it reduces the risk of things like posterisation, which can occur when you start to manipulate levels and curves, especially in the sky.

In practice, what you may find is that the metered exposure gives you an image that's on the light side. This is because your camera's metering system is calibrated to correctly expose 'average' scenes (think mid-grey). Your camera sets an exposure to record the scene as average and the result is overexposure. If this happens you can bracket a series of frames, but instead of increasing the exposure in 1/3 stops, you reduce it in 1/3 stops to progressively make the image darker.

Back home, with the raw files loaded on your computer, choose the lightest one from the sequence (which will also contain the most tonal values) and pull back the

exposure until the desired look is achieved. I process my raw files using Adobe Camera Raw in Photoshop CS3 and find the Tone Curve controls are ideal for this as you can adjust Highlights, Lights, Darks and Shadows independently.

Of course, you don't have to set out to create dark moody images in order to create them. In Photoshop, Levels and Curves or even the Brightness/Contrast slider will allow you to change the tonal balance and transform an image with average tones into a mean and moody photograph.

Watch what happens as you push the midtone slider to the right in Levels as the image not only becomes very dark very quickly, but the range of tones is also compressed. I often find that selecting the sky with the Polygonal Lasso tool and then applying Auto Levels really brings out the drama of shots taken in bad weather. **AP**



Chiaroscuro lighting makes subjects look three-dimensional and gives depth to a scene

## MONO MAGIC

Although atmospheric images can work perfectly well in colour, I prefer to convert them to black & white as it strips the image down to simple tones and adds to the mood and mystery.

An easy and effective way to do this is by desaturating (Image> Adjustments>Desaturate) and then using Levels and/or Curves to darken the tones. Channel Mixer can also work well – go to Image>Adjustments>Channel Mixer, click on the Monochrome box and then play around with the channel sliders.

These days I tend to use Nik Software Silver Efex Pro ([www.niksoftware.com](http://www.niksoftware.com)) as it's quick, easy and effective, and the High Structure preset is especially good. I may still need to adjust Levels and/or Curves to finish the image off, but Silver Efex Pro does all the hard work!



# APappraisal



Expert advice, help and tips from AP Editor **Damien Demolder**

## Autumn in the park Jeff Mortimer

Nikon D80, 50mm,  
1/125sec at f/5.6, ISO 200

**TREES** in autumn make wonderful photographic subjects, as leaves turn golden or red and create a completely new look for the world. Here Jeff has spotted an amazing example of just how explosive autumnal colouration can be. It is a well-chosen subject, but it has recorded quite dark and cool. Jeff has used spot metering for accuracy, but I'm not sure where the meter reading was taken from. If it came from the middle of the frame, I guess the camera was reading from the white tree bark. The camera would be trying to turn that a mid-grey shade when it should really be nearly white, and that, I think, is why the image is too dark. The benefit is, though, that the scene's highlights have all been retained.

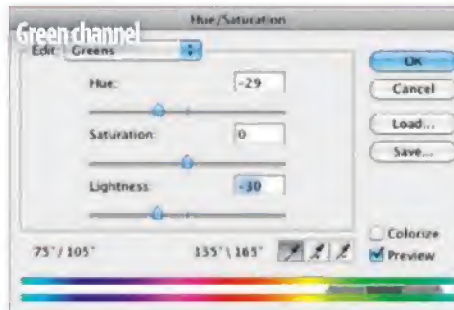
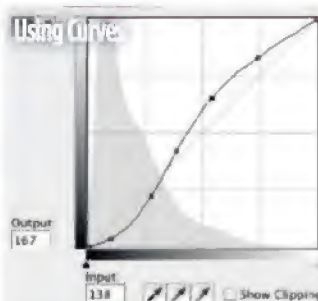
The camera has not made the most of the tree's colours, but this, I believe, is down to the use of auto white balance. The camera has seen an unusual amount of yellow in front of it, assumed the scene was tungsten lit, and has done its best to render everything neutral – when neutral is the opposite of what was required.

To fix these two issues I first lifted the exposure in Curves and added a touch more contrast. I did this by creating a curve that sits higher than the central point, which means that the midtone has been made lighter.

Adding contrast also adds colour saturation, but that is not enough. Using the Hue/Saturation window, I turned up the saturation until I thought the tree looked right. In emphasising the colours of the scene it became obvious that the grass behind the tree was not the right colour. The white balance had left it quite cool and cyan, so I went back into hue and saturation, selected the green channel and adjusted its hue. The colour was now fine, but it was still too bright so I turned down the brightness.

In Jeff's composition the tree is placed in the centre of the frame. There is a lot of space to the right that is unused and distracting, so I cut it off. To do this I selected a square frame and cropped the image until the tree sat on a third. There is some cropping to the left, too, but all the action is retained.

I think the tree can now be appreciated in all its glory, the composition of the scene is a little more comfortable – and we know what it is we are supposed to be looking at.



## WIN

Damien's picture of the week wins a £50 Jessops store voucher\*. The two runners-up each win a £25 voucher\* to spend on photobooks from Jessops' online service at [www.jessops.com](http://www.jessops.com). \*UK residents only

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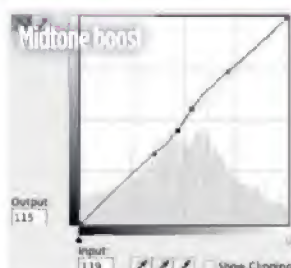
## Paris cityscape Alec Snell

Nikon D90,  
10-20mm, 5secs at  
f/22, ISO 200

**I LOVE** a good cityscape in the evening at that time when there is light and colour in the sky but the lights of the city are coming alive. The combination gives us great harmony between blues, yellows and oranges – all well saturated. Alec has chosen these buildings in Paris for his subject, with their reflective

walls picking up the blue of the sky. I love the upward-looking angle that accentuates their height, and the patterns of the windows as they converge towards space. It is a powerful image, and although I'm not mad about the in-camera application of cross-screen (starburst) the picture works well. The

starbursts are too clean-cut and bright. As this is an in-camera effect, I wonder if Alec still has the original file that he could lay this one over and adjust the opacity so the starbursts are toned down. I've also added a bit of midtone contrast to increase subject definition. It's still my picture of the week, though.



## Bee Leonard Dalton

Panasonic Lumix DMC-GF1, 20mm, 1/1600sec at f/25

**AS I WRITE** this I'm preparing to head off to Africa with some AP readers for a safari, but as Leonard proves here, there is no need to travel across the world for wildlife pictures as there is always something going on in the back garden. I love bees, and this shot of a fine specimen zooming in for a spot of nectar from a foxglove shows just how furry, round and cute they can be. I'm not convinced that Leonard has caught the bee's best side (although there'll be male bees that disagree) as we like to see a creature's face. Of course, bees don't take direction from humans, so getting the right viewpoint is always a matter of chance.

We tend to associate bees with warm weather, but Leonard's print looks decidedly cool, with its pale cyan cast and undersaturated colours. To remedy this, I've added a tone curve with a contrast boost applied just to the midtones, and then followed that up with a light increase in reds and yellows in the Colour Balance window. I think this has given the shot a bit more body.

Leonard's image quality is a bit stripy, which I think is a result of image noise, a high ISO and some cropping. The bee and areas of detail activity look fine, but it really shows in the plainer areas. The image shows great timing and composition, though, Leonard.



## STAR STUDENT

### Andy Barr

#### ENROLLED ON:

Diploma in Digital Photography

AGE: 63 OCCUPATION: Senior

manager for London Underground

EQUIPMENT: Previously Nikon D300,

now Nikon D3S.

Favourite lenses

include 105mm

macro, Nikon

14-24mm

f/2.8

and Nikon

70-200mm

f/2.8.



produce something that is technically difficult as well as a form of artistic expression. It allows me to provide a technical record of skill improvement and recording of images. I use photography to look at everyday things through new eyes, and in particular I find macro photography particularly interesting.

#### What you are hoping to achieve with your photography?

I want to achieve the perfect image through technical expertise. I enjoy exploring the technical aspects of photography and seeking constant improvement. The skills needed for photography differ so completely from my work requirements that I have had to learn a new range of skills, particularly patience and having both an eye for detail and for the unusual artistic detail.

#### What is your proudest moment in photography?

My proudest moment to date is probably coming runner-up in the Mind the Bird RSPB photographic competition at the first time of entry.

#### Where is your favourite location to take photographs?

The best place I have taken photographs is beyond the Arctic Circle, photographing the aurora borealis. The photographs were not good, but the experience was fantastic – to such an extent I am going with my wife again in January when I hope to get better images!

#### Why did you decide to enrol on the SPI Diploma course?

Initially I enrolled on the Foundation in Photography course to learn about the



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## Student introduction

#### When did you first become interested in photography?

I became interested in photography in 2006 when I was presented with some gift tokens from London Underground to mark 40 years with the organisation. I had been looking at a DSLR and as a trial bought a Nikon D80. Digital photography released the ability to experiment, and to 'get it wrong', but also to see immediately when you get it right.

#### Why do you enjoy photography?

I enjoy photography because it provides me with a way to relax and also to

principles of photography through the extended learning system. I enjoyed this so much and learned a lot through constructive feedback that I enrolled in the Diploma in Digital Photography course. I found it has pushed my technical understanding and forced me to use facets of the camera that I would probably not have fully explored. With the course, you can study at your own rate and get very personal feedback. It is a really great course and it teaches so much.

## Summing up

**WE SAY:** This has been an excellent start for Andy. We really enjoyed looking at his images

as he has photographed some interesting subjects and thought about how to capture them. He has a good eye for composition and understands how to improve his images by cropping. It isn't easy to be creative when you are also trying to employ a specific technical feature, but as Andy becomes more confident with the technical side he will find he is able to focus on the image aesthetics. His self-assessment is always thorough and we agree with his findings. Keep up the good work.

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# AP Testbench

Over the next few pages we present this week's **equipment tests**, **reader questions** and **technique pointers**

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**WIX IS** a Flash website design and host site. From a plethora of handily categorised designs, there are roughly 45 photography templates to choose from, all of which can be customised to taste. As Wix uses Flash, there are some slick-looking animations and transitions, especially for photo galleries and slideshows. Using Flash puts some of the designs a cut above other photography design sites I have come across. With its large icons and video tutorials, I found the interface really simple to navigate and after a few hours I had customised a template and uploaded photos to the point that I was ready to go 'live' and launch my site.

There is a 14-day trial available once going live and contracts can be made on a monthly or yearly basis, with no cancellation fees. Prices start at \$4.08 per month on yearly subscriptions and \$4.95 per month on monthly agreements for 500MB (around

100 photos) of storage and bandwidth. You'll have to pay more for increased storage and bandwidth for the site. On the \$8.25 per month agreement, \$125 of Google and Facebook advertising is included and a personal domain.

For the price, it is difficult to find a website builder that is as simple to use while creating such slick and professional-looking websites. **Tim Coleman**

**Amateur Photographer**  
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**VANGUARD'S** GH-100 pistol grip is a compact ball-and-socket tripod head, with intuitive and versatile handling. Adjustments can be made by squeezing the rubberised pistol-grip handle and then releasing it to fix in position. I found the placement of the grip makes for instinctive control, although a firm squeeze is required to move it. The grip itself can be rotated 360° in 45° increments to suit both left- and right-handers. A maximum load of 6kg means that most DSLRs are suited; it held a Canon EOS 7D and 18-135mm kit lens with no slippage whatsoever.

Each function is handily placed, with a lever to adjust the tension of the head on the back of the handle, and another by the plate to lock the 360° panning base into place. The base has 72 click points in 5° increments and rotates smoothly through 360°, which works well for both video and photography users.

The quick-release plate has a dual-locking system that is both secure and quick to attach. However, the plate itself is quite small, which can make it fiddly to attach to a camera. Using the GH-100 made fixing and positioning the camera quick and secure. **Tim Coleman**

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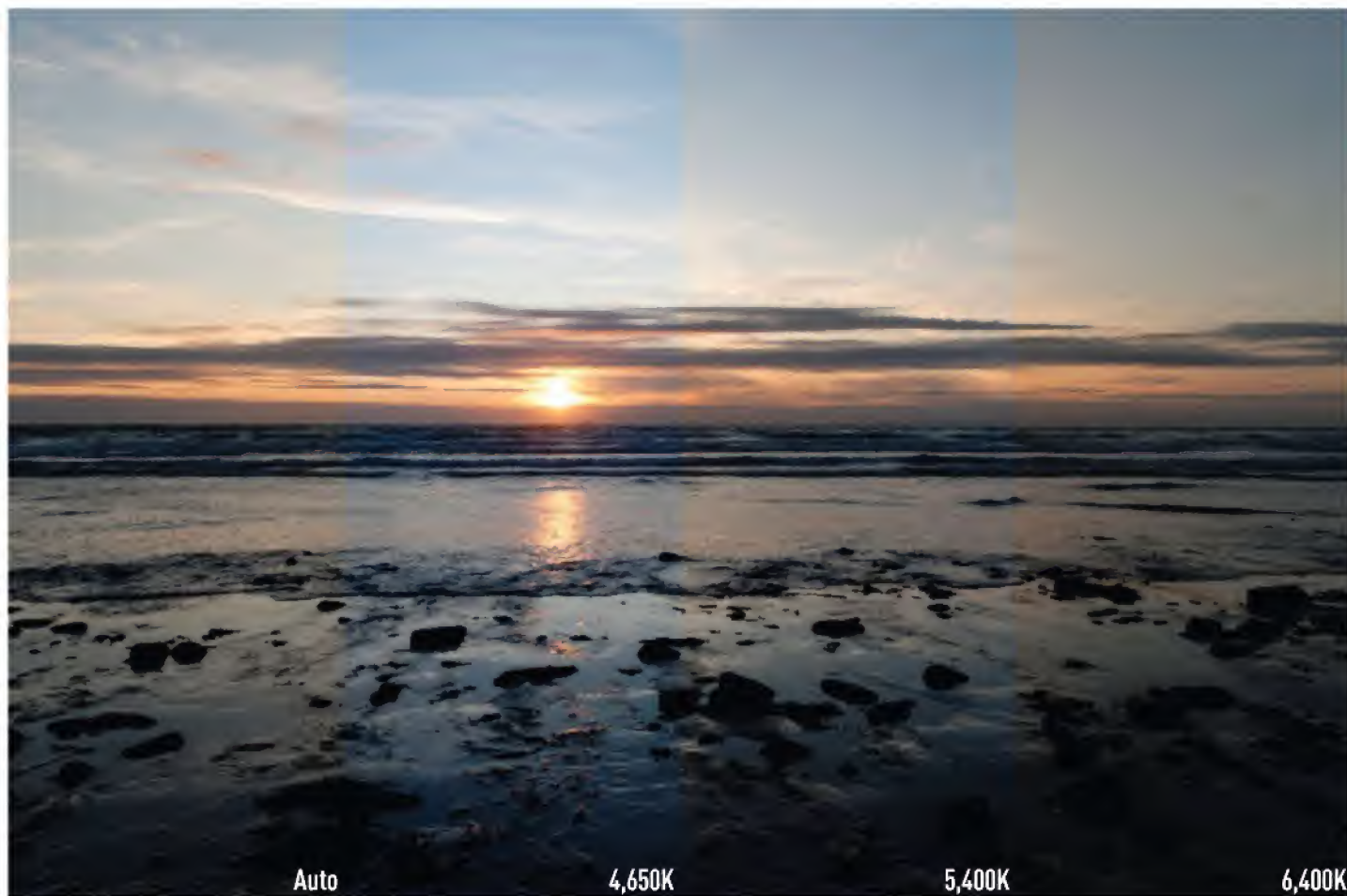
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AP explains...

# Atmospheric white balance

Removing the colour of ambient light from a scene can also remove some of its atmosphere. **Richard Sibley** explains how to use a camera's white-balance controls sympathetically

**LIGHT** comes in different colours, which is why cameras have a multitude of white balance settings. Tungsten light is an orange/yellow colour, while midday sunshine has a blue colour. The colour temperature of light is measured on the Kelvin scale (K). For example, a tungsten light bulb has a temperature of around 3,000K (see Kelvin scale chart on page 43).

Although our eyes see the different colour casts that are caused by different light sources, our brains account for this and as a result we only really notice when the ambient colour temperature is so strong

or out of place that it throws off how our brain perceives the colours. For example, we may barely notice the shift in colour temperature when moving from a kitchen lit by cool fluorescent lights to the warmth of a room lit by low-wattage tungsten bulbs or candlelight. However, it is often only in photographs that the ambient colour temperature becomes really noticeable.

It is the job of a camera's white-balance settings to compensate for this temperature difference, by either removing the colour cast to produce a completely neutral image or by leaving enough of the colour cast so

that the picture retains a level of realism. However, selecting the correct white balance can be difficult, as a camera doesn't know if a photographer wants the whites in the image to be white, or whether it should leave a hint of ambient colour present for atmosphere. And to further complicate things, the WB settings on different cameras don't work in the same way.

We are taught that images should be neutral and that we should use a custom white-balance reading, measured from a white or grey card, to ensure a completely neutral colour balance, but this isn't always a good idea. Imagine, for example, taking a custom white balance during a sunset. Most of the orange glow we associate with a sunset would be completely lost. Instead, set a white balance that actually reflects the colour of the light, or that accentuates it slightly for effect.

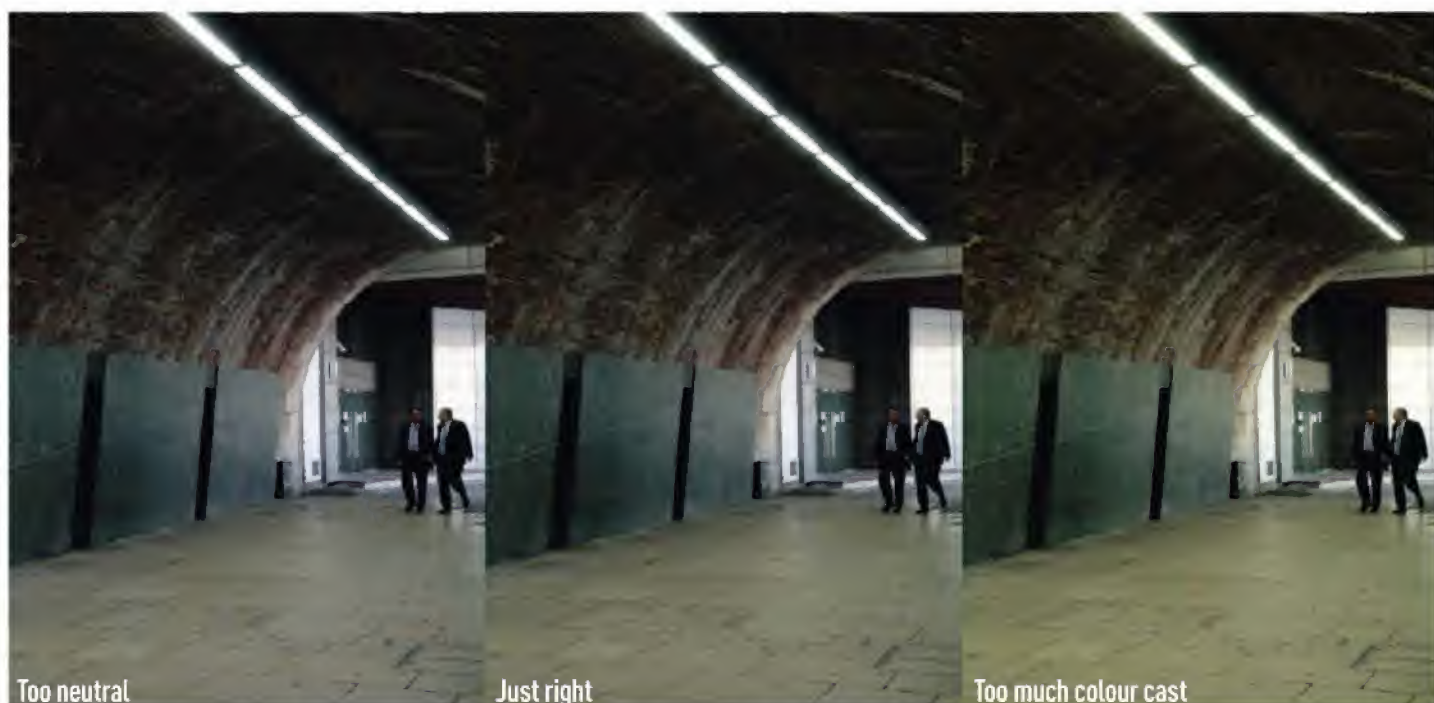




This image was shot with four different white balance settings. AWB did almost nothing to correct the tungsten colour cast. Naturally, the tungsten setting removed some of the orange colour. Taking a custom white balance using a grey card produced a clinically neutral result. However, the best result is the image taken with the manual setting. This involved dialling in a Kelvin value, which left some of the warmth from the light in the image without being overpowering







Too neutral

Just right

Too much colour cast

Certain types of lighting, notably fluorescent tubes, have a slight green or purple tint. This is commonly seen when photographing offices or commercial buildings. Leaving this tint (far right) makes the image look too green. However, removing the colour completely (far left) produces a neutral image that loses some of the atmosphere. The middle image is preferable as it keeps some of the colour created by the light, without it dominating the picture



## CHOOSING THE CORRECT COLOUR TEMPERATURE


When shooting film, there are only a few options available to ensure that images have the correct colour balance. The majority of film is 'daylight balanced', which means it is balanced to work at a colour temperature of 5,500K to render colours correctly in sunlight. This causes images taken under tungsten light to look orange, but this can be solved by using either an 80A, B or C blue correction filter over the lens to neutralise the orange colour, or by placing a colour-correction gel over the light source. The colour can also be corrected when printing, or by using tungsten-balanced film, which produces neutral colours when shooting under tungsten lighting, but which, as a result, leaves images taken in daylight with a blue cast.

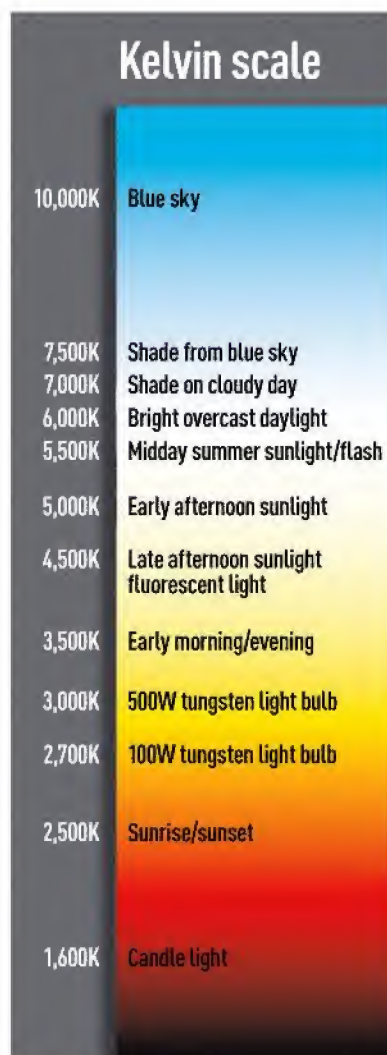
With digital cameras it is far easier to choose the correct white balance. Nearly all DSLR cameras have a selection of preset white balance settings, as well as an automatic option. However, the automatic white balance setting (AWB) does not cover the entire white balance scale of the camera, but instead selects a colour temperature from the most commonly used range. For example, on the Nikon D300S, the AWB range is 3,500–8,000K. While this range should cover most types of tungsten and fluorescent light, daylight and flash, it doesn't cover the white balance at the extremes of the Kelvin scale. The camera itself allows you to manually select a white balance of between 2,500K and 10,000K.

The problem is that the colour temperature of light is never exact. The colour of daylight changes throughout the

day, and the orange glow of a tungsten light bulb depends on its wattage and will change over its lifetime. This means that the default setting for a particular light will never be 100 per cent accurate. The default setting may also change from manufacturer to manufacturer. For example, Nikon DSLRs use 3,000K for the default tungsten setting, while Canon models use 3,200K.

As our intention should be to try to replicate white balance as our eyes see it, the problem we face is that most in-camera white balance systems will try to completely neutralise any slight shift in colour. With this in mind, it is best to set the in-camera white balance manually. The easiest way to do this is to select the standard setting for a particular type of light and then adjust it accordingly. For example, set the camera to tungsten and then fine-tune the setting by increasing or decreasing the Kelvin value slightly. This is usually done by altering the default white balance setting by  $\pm 1$  or 2, depending on the particular camera and the scale of adjustments it uses.

A better method is to manually set the white balance using a Kelvin value. Nearly all DSLR cameras have this ability. Use the figures in the Kelvin chart (see right) as a starting point. The idea is not to make the image completely neutral, as you would when taking a custom white balance reading using a grey card. Instead, you are looking to find the point on the Kelvin scale where the ambient light still adds a hint of colour and atmosphere to the image. So, if you find when you take an image of a scene lit with a 100W bulb that the result is too neutral, adjust the white balance Kelvin setting to 3,300K. This should add a hint of orange back into the image. 



## TOP TIPS

- Always try to keep a hint of the colour of the ambient light in the scene to add atmosphere
- There are times when you can actually add a little more of this colour to create a mood. This is particularly true when warming up an image lit by candles or a sunset
- A completely neutral white balance is always going to look better in some situations, such as when photographing a white room or when taking studio portraits
- Use cool (or warming) cards to add a hint of warmth to an image. This works well with outdoor portraits





Shooting in raw allows you to make very precise adjustments to the WB of the image



The WB settings in Adobe Camera Raw and other image-editing software have a number of presets that can be used as a starting point from which to make your adjustments

## SELECTING THE CORRECT WHITE BALANCE IN ADOBE CAMERA RAW

As raw images contain all the data captured by the sensor, it is possible to change the white balance when converting the raw file. By default, when you open a raw image in Adobe Camera Raw, the white balance that has been set in the camera is the one applied to the image. However, it can be changed using the White Balance sliders.

There are two sliders in Camera Raw. The first of these adjusts the colour temperature, while the second adjusts the purple/green colour tint. Above this are the various generic white-balance settings, including As Shot and Auto. There are two correct white balance settings: one that produces completely neutral whites; and one that is more representative of how the scene actually looked when the image was taken. For most of the time we are aiming for the second of these two options.

A good starting point is to select the Auto setting from the drop-down menu. This will attempt to rid the image of any colour casts and should give you a fairly neutral

starting point from which to begin making adjustments. Alternatively, use the white balance colour picker tool, located on the top left toolbar. Click the colour picker on part of the image that should be neutral white, and Camera Raw will adjust the colours accordingly to make it neutral.

Generally, if the image is taken under daylight or tungsten lighting, make sure that the purple/green slider is set to 0. You should only be using the yellow/blue slider to adjust the colour of this light. Moving the yellow/blue slider to the left will cool the image down by adding blue. Conversely, moving the slider to the right will add warmth. Adjust until the image closely matches the colour of the original scene as your eyes remember it.

Altering the green/purple tint slider is a little more difficult as the colours tend to look more unrealistic and stand out as a result. As these colours are usually the product of fluorescent lights or an inaccurate white balance reading, it is common to see a slightly green tint to the light in shops and offices. Just like with tungsten light, you do not want it to be a dominant colour, but for realism you should leave a hint of it in the final image.



## WARM CARDS

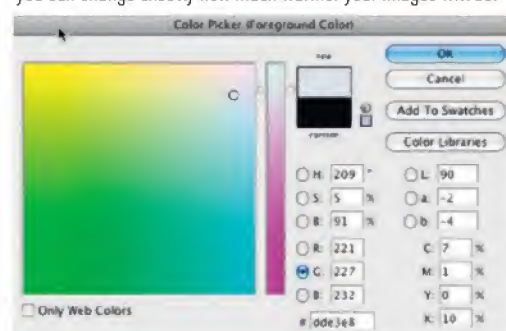
When you wish to obtain an image with a clinically neutral white balance you will usually take a custom white balance reading from a white object, or better still a grey card. However, as we have discussed, this will remove any ambient colour cast from the image. However, there is a way to fool the camera into producing slightly warm or cool images to either maintain the ambient colour or to add it to an image for effect.

Instead of using a white or neutral grey card, a white balance reading could be taken from a coloured card. Using a very light-blue card will fool the camera into thinking that there is a lot of ambient blue light in an image so it will try to neutralise this by adding amber. The result will be an image that has a slightly warm hue. Conversely, taking a reading from an amber card will result in a cool blue hue. These cards are commercially available, but it can be more economical to make your own.

## MAKE YOUR OWN WARM CARDS

It is possible to make your own warm or cool cards using image-editing software. To start, create a new A4-size document (297x210mm) and then create a new colour with the value R=221, G=227 and B=232, or use the hex value #dde3e8 (see below). In Adobe Photoshop or Photoshop Elements it is possible to create this colour by simply double clicking on the colour swatch on the tool palette. Once created, simply use the Fill tool to fill the entire image with this colour. Now print the image using the correct colour profile for your printer and paper.

When taking a custom white-balance reading, use the cool-blue warm card in place of a grey card to add a touch of warmth to your images. By adjusting the strength of your blue warm card, you can change exactly how much warmer your images will be.





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**Q** I have used the video function on my Canon EOS 5D Mark II, but how can I burn HD video to DVD so that it will play on my Philips DVD player? So far it will only play on my Apple Mac. **Vic Evans**

**A** Domestic DVDs use a specific type of encoding, so just transferring HD video camera files from a Mac or PC to a DVD-R isn't enough to create a DVD disc that will play in your home player. Fortunately, your Mac comes with all the editing software you need to create the right type of disc. The iMovie application will let you edit the footage, and add sound tracks and graphics, while iDVD will encode it into domestic DVD format and burn the footage to disc. It will also let you create the front-end DVD menus.

Another issue to be aware of is the incompatibility between old DVD players and DVD-R and DVD+R discs. While a modern £20 DVD player from your local supermarket will play these, a top-end player of more than five years old may not. You don't mention how old your player is, but this may be a problem.  
**Ian Farrell**



## CARD SAFETY

**Q** As I am a newcomer to digital photography, my friend has advised me not to remove the card from my camera as the pins/springs are prone to breaking and that would damage the camera. I know what he means, but is he being over-cautious? **Ken Watson**

**A** Yes, he is being over-cautious, Ken. I've worked with many digital cameras for a great many years and have never heard of pins breaking or bending inside the camera. That's not to say this has never happened, but it must be very rare. The card-slot eject mechanisms in-camera are designed for this very purpose. When a card is inserted into a camera it is guided towards the camera's connecting pins with precision alignment. Furthermore, most cameras only

allow you to insert a memory card one way – and that's the right way.

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## FOCUSING IN LOW LIGHT

**Q** While trying to photograph nocturnal animals, my camera's autofocus just hunts in low light. I am using a Canon EOS 5D Mark II and a Canon EOS 7D with a Nissin Di866 flash and the EOS 7D's built-in flash. Apart from

using pre-flash, is there any way that I can overcome this problem? **Jason Chalk**

**A** The Nissin Di866 has a red AF assist lamp that tries to illuminate the subject more subtly than a strobing set of pre-flashes, although anecdotal evidence seems to suggest that this does not perform as well as those in Canon or Nikon flashes. You don't say how you are photographing these animals, Jason, but if you are luring them into a predetermined space with bait, for instance, I'd advise that you don't use AF at all, but rather try manual focusing to pre-focus on the spot where your subject will be. Use a torch to illuminate the area while you do so. In this way you'll minimise any delay between you pressing the shutter release and the camera firing. **Ian Farrell**

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## FREE RAW CONVERTER

**Q** Regarding Eric Johnson's query on processing Nikon raw files (AP 9 October), you failed to mention that there is a free option: Nikon's View NX2. This can be downloaded from the Nikon website ([www.nikon.co.uk](http://www.nikon.co.uk)) and provides a basic viewer, editor and file converter. This can convert raw files to JPEG or TIFF. Being an OAP, I too like to find cost-effective solutions, especially free ones! Perhaps Mr Johnson could give this a try before investing in expensive software. **Chris Mitchell**

**A** Quite right, Chris. I should have mentioned View NX2 as a free option, although this doesn't give the same level of adjustment versatility as Adobe's products. **Ian Farrell**

## IN SEARCH OF BATTERIES

**Q** My trusty Olympus E-20P might not have all the latest technology, but I enjoy using it. However, its one downfall is its reliance on AA batteries in winter. The batteries tend to fade quickly when outdoors on cold days. I've managed to source a B-HLD battery holder for the camera and I'm now looking for either a B-10LPB or B-12LPB lithium polymer battery to fit it. Do you know where I can obtain one of these batteries? **Doug Ross**

**A** I've done some searching around for you, Doug, and it seems the best bet will be the second-hand market, as Olympus UK tells me that these accessories are no longer made and the company carries no existing stock. Searching a few of the online auction sites, I can find some used



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examples of the batteries, but don't pay too much for one as the condition of lithium polymer batteries deteriorates over time.  
**Ian Farrell**

#### PLEASE RELEASE ME

**A** With reference to Jon Faupel's superglue dilemma (AP 11 September), some multipacks of superglue contain a blue tube of

release agent. I don't know if it will have a harmful effect on the coating of the lens, but it could be worth a try.  
**Harold Gough**



## FROM THE AP FORUM

### Amateur, not pro

**F1nutter asks** I own Nikon D70 and D3 cameras with Nikkor 70-200mm VR and 200-400mm lenses. I went to London's Wembley Stadium recently to watch an international indoor motor-sports event, and on entering the stadium a security guard asked to check my bag. He took a step back on seeing my lens and said that I couldn't bring it into the stadium 'because it is a professional lens'. He eventually let me in on the proviso that I did not use my camera and told me that I may be kicked out if I were caught.

So, the problem I have is that I have professional lenses, am an amateur photographer, but I cannot prove that I am an amateur. If I use my camera I am accused of being a professional and need to have the right passes. How do I prove I am an amateur photographer?

**Benchista replies** You can't prove that you're an amateur, and companies and organisations have the right to impose whatever rules they like, barmy or not. Sorry, but that's just the way it is. You'll need to try lower-profile events and arenas to be able to take such shots, I'm afraid.

**Fen replies** Some years ago I went to a nightclub where there was a strict 'no casual clothes or trainers' rule. I went up to the door wearing smart trousers, a shirt and a pair of casual black leather shoes. The doorman said I couldn't go in as I was wearing trainers. I said that they were shoes. He didn't agree. I didn't get into the club. The moral of the story: it's those at the venue who make the rules, no matter how silly they are.

**P. Stoddart replies** I may be wrong about this, but I believe it is not a matter of proving you are an amateur photographer. With most stadiums or sports venues you are on private land. Once you are on private land, photography of any type can be denied.

## f/AQ

### Why don't memory cards use their full capacity?

When you insert a memory card into your computer, have you ever noticed that its free capacity doesn't quite reach the stated card size, as written on the label? There are a couple of technical reasons behind this mystery, the first being the need to format the card before it is used.

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The second reason for the discrepancy is more about the fundamental difference between the way we do mathematics and the way a computer does mathematics. Humans count in a decimal way (in blocks of ten), whereas computers work in binary (blocks of two: on or off). This results in a difference between what computers regard as a kilobyte and what marketing departments regard as a kilobyte (KB). Humans commonly think there are 1,000 bytes in a KB, but there are actually 1,024. The same applies to megabytes and gigabytes, so a card with 32,000,000,000 bytes actually contains 29.8GB, not 32GB as labelled.

Put these two factors together and this is why you can never quite squeeze as much on a card as you think you can. The precise amount of free space you'll see on a brand-new formatted card does vary from system to system, because not all programmers can agree on whether to use decimal or binary maths, or even a mixture of the two.

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# Nikon D3100

The Nikon D3000, one of 2010's best-selling cameras, has had a makeover. We put its successor, the **D3100**, to the test

**Tim Coleman**  
Technical writer



**WITH** sales of micro-system cameras (MSCs) increasing, the position of the MSC's direct competitor, the entry-level DSLR, comes under the spotlight. While Nikon has hinted that it is looking into launching an MSC model, nothing has been announced yet. Instead, the company is continuing with the development of its entry-level DSLRs, with the D3100 being its latest model. Nikon is hoping to build on the success of its popular predecessor, the D3000, which was released in July 2009. For Nikon, this entry-level DSLR represents the biggest hope in sales, acting as a gateway for the

consumer into a more expensive world of DSLR camera bodies and accessories such as lenses and flashguns.

Without becoming embroiled in an argument over MSC versus entry-level DSLRs, it is safe to say that each system has its own benefits. Until now, micro-system cameras tended to have a broader range of features, a more compact body and a slightly higher asking price. While the D3100 sits below the bigger D5000 as an entry-level camera, its initial RRP of £579 with kit lens is higher than that of the D3000 when it was first released. In fact, it is on a par with the price of many MSCs. This suggests that Nikon is broadening the specification of its entry-level DSLRs to compete with MSCs and lead the way in the DSLR market. These key changes to the specification have probably increased the production costs, and therefore the asking price.

## AT A GLANCE

- 14.2 million effective pixels
- 3in, 230,000-dot LCD screen
- 1080p HD video
- Live View
- Street price £499 with 18-55mm kit lens

It will be interesting to see whether the performance and new features of the D3100 will be enough to maintain Nikon's success in the entry-level DSLR market. We will also see if the company is able to persuade the first-time buyer to part with a few extra pounds and choose to enter the world of the more highly specified DSLR rather than the micro-system camera.

## FEATURES

A quick glance at the list of the Nikon D3100's key features shows that, rather than just tweaking them, Nikon has made significant changes in some areas. However, this doesn't mean that the D3000 failed to make the mark, as it received 84% (Very Good) when we tested it in AP 5 September 2009, and it has been one of the best-selling DSLRs of 2010. As such, many successful features remain, including the 11-point AF system, a shooting 'guide' mode that tutors beginners through the basics of photography, 3fps continuous shooting, in-camera editing and a 3in, 230,000-dot LCD screen.

With a 14.2-million-pixel, APS-C-sized CMOS sensor, only the D3X and the (yet to be tested) D7000 in the Nikon range have more pixels than the D3100. An increase of four million pixels from its predecessor is impressive. My concern is whether or not this will be at the expense of its



ability to maintain low noise levels. On the plus side, more pixels mean an increase in resolution and therefore output size. An increase from 3872x2592 pixels in the D3000 to 4608x3072 pixels in the D3100 should enable images to be printed at a slightly larger size. At 300ppi prints measure 390x260mm (15x10in), although it should be possible to create good A2 prints and certainly A3 prints without any compromise in quality.

A new EXPEED2 image processor deals with the data created by the sensor in all Nikon's latest releases, including the D3100. This processor should improve noise

reduction and colour rendition, and it has enabled Nikon to increase the ISO range found in the D3000 by 1EV. It now stands at ISO 100-3200 and can be expanded to ISO 12,800. EXPEED2 can process raw and JPEG files simultaneously, and Nikon's NEF raw-format files can be processed using the supplied View NX2 software.

Given that the D3000 has no video function, the other most notable improvement is that the D3100 has surpassed the 720p HD video of the D5000 and the D300S with Nikon's first Full 1080p HD video capture mode. To accompany this video function is the addition of Live View,

## FEATURES IN USE

### POST-CAPTURE EDITING IN-CAMERA

**THE NIKON** D3100 is a camera aimed at beginners, so basic in-camera editing tools are included. These tools save the user from needing to use post-capture photo-editing software. For the more advanced photographer they are also useful tools for checking what effects they are likely to use on photos between the photo shoot and sitting at the computer screen. There is a vast array of effects, and while in-camera editing has been around for a while, several new features have been included in the D3100. When used with subtlety, generally pleasing results can be produced.

While many of Nikon's latest releases, such as the P7000 and D7000, have an electronic virtual horizon (deployed using Live View) to help you shoot straight, this is not included in the D3100. Instead, included in post capture in-camera editing is 'straighten horizon'. Landscapes are difficult to capture completely straight, and using a wideangle lens can also produce distorted results, but this post-capture edit is very simple to use. Having taken the landscape image below, I found it was not quite level. I performed a post-capture edit and by clicking the left or right arrow, depending on the direction of tilt, I had the straight horizon that I wanted within a few seconds. More than one effect can be applied to the same image, but every time a new effect is made a new file is created. I tweaked the distortion control to combat the minute distortion from using a wideangle lens. This is also useful, to an extent, in correction of distortion in buildings taken from low angles.



**A wide dynamic range ensures good detail in both areas of shadow and highlight. There is no blow-out on the white window frame in the sun**

which is useful for composing both pictures and videos. Other useful new features include additions to the post-capture, in-camera editing, such as straighten horizon, distortion control, fisheye effect, perspective control and 'edit movie'.

The D3100 seems to start off life on a higher plane than its predecessor, hence the higher RRP. Of course, we expect improvements with each release, but many of those brought in here suggest that the D3100 could be here to stay for a while yet.

**9/10**

#### BUILD AND HANDLING

Although the body is virtually identical in size and shape to the D3000, the D3100 has a new rubberised grip and more refined controls, and it feels more removed from the D3000's entry-level build quality. It is surprising how much these little touches can enhance handling, so anyone who appreciates the build quality of a Nikon SLR will not be disappointed. Despite being made from polycarbonate, the D3100 feels solid and more in keeping with bigger models, such as the D90 and D5000. The D3100 sits comfortably and securely in the hand, with all the buttons and controls placed logically within reach of the fingers. The addition of indentations around the buttons means they are now more prominent, which helps because they have to be suitably small to fit on the body. The mode dial is more prominent, too, at about twice the height of that on the D3000. This keeps it clear of the new drive-mode switch, which provides





With Active D-Lighting

Without Active D-Lighting



**'Many of the improvements brought in suggest that the D3100 could be here to stay for a while yet'**

Using the Active D-Lighting through the retouch menu in-camera brings back some of the details in dark shadow areas

options of single, continuous, timer and quiet. In the D3000 the drive mode was accessed via the menu, which slowed down operation, so it's good that this is one control that has made its way onto the exterior of the body. Most users regularly switch from single, continuous and timer drive mode.

A huge array of buttons is daunting for a first-time SLR user, so to keep matters simple the controls have been kept to a bare minimum. One way Nikon has achieved this is by doubling up the function of various buttons. For example, the flash button on the front of the body is not just a catch to release the pop-up flash, unlike on other SLRs. While depressed, the flash modes can be scrolled through and selected. Next to the flash button is the Function (Fn) button. When this is depressed, an image setting can be altered with the user being able to choose between ISO, white balance, image quality and Active D-Lighting. I generally used the Fn button to control ISO. For an experienced photographer the absence of certain functions on the Fn button, such as metering, is limiting. I found the absence of a metering switch the most frustrating, having to revisit the menu time and again to swap between matrix and spot metering. I kept mainly to matrix metering, because there is an exposure compensation button and this is easily operated by holding it down and using the thumb scroll.

The most notable ergonomic changes are the ones that accommodate new features. There is a switch for Live View to the right of the LCD screen, which also provides access to the movie record button, and a new built-in speaker for audio. The drive-mode switch, an HDMI socket to connect for TV connection and another socket for Nikon's GP1 GPS unit are also new. The GPS connection doubles up for use with the MC-DC2 remote control.

The only frustration I have with the

camera's handling is the slow access to certain menu-only functions. However, these are features that an experienced photographer would use regularly, rather than a first-time buyer, and at least the menu is easy to navigate. The shooting info menu is designed to help entry-level users and clearly displays the most vital settings, often with visual guidance. For instance, as the aperture is changed, so an animated lens diaphragm alters in size. For an entry-level SLR, I found that the balance between manual control, auto control and the availability of regularly used functions should aid the beginner, and continue to satisfy as the skill levels grow.

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### WHITE BALANCE AND COLOUR

On the whole, the D3100's white balance produces pleasing results with well-balanced and natural tones. In several cases the auto white balance produces better results than the specific settings. Having taken many photos in a shaded woodland on a dull and cloudy day, I found both the shade and cloudy white balance settings produced images that were much too warm and yellow. However, all the specific settings can be manually adjusted if the results are not as desired. Creating a custom white balance is also a simple and speedy process.

In the standard colour setting, the colour is generally punchy with natural tones, and images can be sent straight to the printer. Colour can be controlled both pre- and post-capture. The usual colour modes are present in the Set Picture Control folder of standard, vivid, neutral, monochrome (sepia, black & white and cyanotype), landscape and portrait. Post-capture options include colour balance, monochrome, D-Lighting and various filter effects such as warming and skylight.

9/10



Even in overcast light, resolution is good and colours are vibrant with natural tones





## METERING

Although metering is accessed through the menu only, which slows down selection, this may not be the first thing a beginner thinks about when taking photos. Rather than using a mixture of the spot, centreweighted and evaluative (matrix) metering modes available, the matrix metering will be relied upon. It is just as well, then, that matrix metering produces pleasing results in a variety of settings, so an entry-level photographer should largely leave the camera in this metering mode. My images from a shady forest area and of berries in bright overcast light are well exposed, and any slight variations I would usually implement with spot metering can be achieved in-camera using the exposure compensation.

As I have come to expect with evaluative metering, the matrix metering leans towards exposing for midtones in landscape scenes of high contrast, with the sky slightly underexposed. This is certainly the case on an overcast day when the foreground or landscape is not well lit. When I shot a landscape on a brighter day, by gradually altering the tilt of the lens I could change the dominant area of the scene from sky to landscape. There is a gradual, pleasing change in exposure to suit the composition, which demonstrates that evaluative metering can be relied upon, only truly shifting when the dominant area covers at least two-thirds of the frame.



## NOISE, RESOLUTION AND SENSITIVITY

As mentioned before, the sensitivity range of the D3100 has been increased from the D3000 and now stands at ISO 100–3200. This can be further extended to ISO 6400 (Hi1) and 12,800 (Hi2), which boosts low-light capabilities and is impressive for a camera in this class. Unlike some other Nikon SLRs, the ISO 100 is not an expanded Low ISO but it is where the ISO range begins, which is impressive.

An increase in resolution from 10.2 million pixels in the D3000 to 14.2 million pixels in the D3100 is a substantial improvement, and it is no surprise that the new camera resolves more detail than the D3000. The amount of detail resolved is respectable, reaching 24 on our charts, although for a 14.2-million-pixel sensor I would expect slightly more. What is good, though, is that the resolution of detail is consistent all the way through from ISO 100 to the highest sensitivity of ISO 12,800, with only a slight drop off to 20 on our charts. Unedited raw files are able to resolve slightly more detail.

It would hardly be surprising that high levels of noise are present at such ISO settings. However, I am pleased at how the D3100 coped with noise in my images. Using the noise reduction makes lines a little sharper and punchier, but overall pixels in my images became slightly more smudged as the ISO sensitivity was raised.



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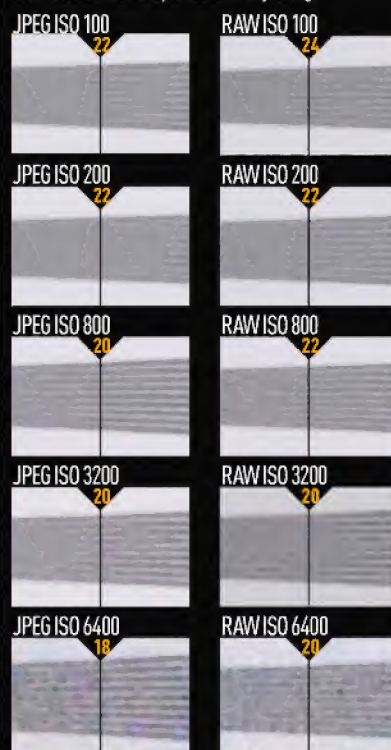


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Lens mount	Nikon F mount (with AF contacts)
File format	Raw, JPEG, raw + JPEG simultaneously
Compression	Three-stage JPEG
Colour space	Adobe RGB, sRGB
Shutter type	Electronically controlled focal-plane shutter
Shutter speeds	30-1/4000sec in 1/3EV steps plus bulb
Max flash sync	1/200sec
ISO	ISO 100-3200 (Hi mode 6400 and 12,800)
Exposure modes	Auto, program, aperture priority, shutter priority, manual and 6 scene modes.
Metering system	3D colour Matrix metering (evaluative), centreweighted (75% in centre of frame), and spot (2.5% on focus point)
Exposure comp	±5EV in 1/3EV steps
White balance	Auto, 6 presets (with fine tuning), plus custom setting
White balance bracket	No
Drive mode	3fps
LCD	3in LCD with 230,000 dots
Viewfinder type	Pentaprism
Field of view	Approx 95%
Dioptr adjustment	-1.7 to +0.5 dioptr, 18mm eye point
Focusing modes	Manual, single-shot AF, automatic AF, continuous AF, predictive tracking AF
AF points	Nikon Multi-CAM 1000 AF, 11 focus points (one cross-type), individually selectable AF points.
DoF preview	Yes
Built-in flash	Yes – GN 13m @ ISO 100
Video	1920x1080 pixels (at 24fps), 1280x720 pixels (at 30fps, 25fps or 24fps), 640x424 pixels (at 24fps), MOV files with MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 compression
External mic	No
Memory card	SD, SDHC or SDXC
Power	Rechargeable Li-Ion EN-EL14 battery
Connectivity	USB 2.0 Hi-Speed
Weight	500g approx, including battery or card/s
Dimensions	124x96x74.5mm

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## RESOLUTION & NOISE

These images show 72ppi (100% on a computer screen) sections of images of a resolution chart, captured using a Nikon 18-55mm f/3.5 kit lens at 50mm. We show the section of the resolution chart where the camera starts to fail to reproduce the lines separately. The higher the number visible in these images, the better the camera's detail resolution is at the specified sensitivity setting.



There is good detail in shadow and highlight areas in this scene of low light. Noise levels are respectable, too

ISO 1600



## FOCAL POINTS

### Viewfinder

The D3100's viewfinder has 95% coverage with a magnification factor of 0.8x.

### Drive mode switch

This switch is new, with single, continuous, timer and quiet drive modes available.

### Live View

Another new addition is Live View, which can be controlled by this switch. The red button in the centre is for movie recording.

### Memory card

The memory card is placed in the side of the camera. The D3100 takes SD, SDHC and the most recent SDXC memory cards. SDXC cards are faster and ideal for use with video.



Camera shown actual size

### Flash sync

The D3100 is compatible with Nikon's Speedlight flashguns, which include the SB-400, SB-600, SB-800, SB-900 and the recently announced SB-700. However, there is no external flash-sync socket.

### Guide mode

The guide mode offers easy-to-use in-camera assistance by asking the user what type of picture they want to take. Once the picture type is selected, such as portrait, a sample image appears on the display to show the effect on the image when suggested settings are applied.

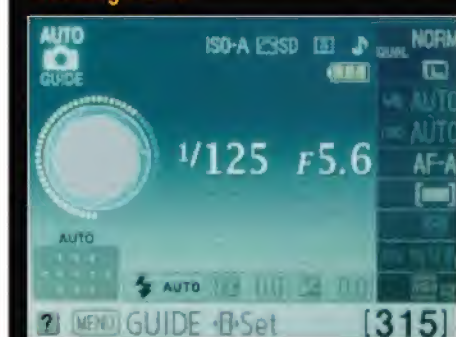
### Active D-Lighting

Like many other cameras, the D3100 has a dynamic range enhancement setting called the Active D-Lighting. This doesn't actually increase the dynamic range, but instead retains details in shadows and highlights. I found images taken with Active D-Lighting felt a little less punchy, but improved natural tones.

### Edit movie

Using the in-camera retouch menu, it is possible to make alterations not only to photos but also to movies. Start and end points can be selected from movie files and, once chosen, a new file is created.

### Shooting screen



### Guide mode screen



### Live View







## AUTOFOCUS

In the D3100, Nikon sticks with the tried-and-tested 11-point AF found in the D3000, with options of single-point, dynamic-area, auto-area and 3D tracking using the Multi Cam 1000 AF processor module. The 11 AF points are fairly central in the frame, so focusing for the edge of the frame can be tricky. In single-point mode, any of these 11 points can be selected. Using the 18-55mm kit lens I found that generally autofocus is rapid and responsive, but slowed down slightly in low-light conditions. When using the tracking autofocus mode with Live View the focus area tracks moving objects, as demonstrated by a green box. This is useful for focusing when panning with a subject, but I experienced mixed results in this mode because at times the tracking area lost its subject in the frame. Generally, I opted for single-point or dynamic-area focusing.

In Live View and video modes four AF options are available: normal, wide, subject tracking and face detection, although manual focus is a better option.

8/10

## LCD, VIEWFINDER AND VIDEO

The D3100 has an LCD screen the same size and same resolution as the D3000, at 3in and 230,000 dots. It is a bright screen that can be viewed from a variety of angles in good conditions and should more than satisfy the target audience. I was able to check the fine details of my images for focus and exposure. However, given that when the D3000 was released more than a year ago it had a relatively low-resolution LCD screen, it is surprising that Nikon has not improved this in the D3100. With imminent future releases from other manufacturers detailing higher resolution LCD screens, the D3100 may be a little way behind its competition here. Now Live View has been included, I would like to see an articulated screen to further enhance handling, as found in the bigger D5000, aiding the composition of images

Using the cloudy white balance setting produces results that are much too warm and yellow for my liking, but the auto white balance is generally reliable

when shooting at tricky angles, such as ground level. The viewfinder is on a par with other cameras with a frame coverage of 95% and a 0.8x magnification. It is a good size for an entry-level camera and is bright without blurring at the edges. By and large I was able to use it for focusing, which means that both Live View and the viewfinder are viable options when shooting.

A significant improvement is a move from no video in the D3000, all the way to Full 1080p HD video in the D3100. Offering both good-quality video and photos makes the D3100 a great all rounder. There is a ten-minute limit on the clips and no option for an external microphone, which some may find restricting. When filming quiet scenes, the use of controls such as focus and zoom are clearly audible. For those who haven't shot on a digital SLR before, there is advice added to the guide mode on how to get the most out of the HD video.

8/10

## DYNAMIC RANGE

We do not have the precise figures from the dynamic range test graph, but from scrutinising my images I estimate it to be around 12EV, which is fairly standard these days for a camera such as this. My images from a sheltered forest show a wide dynamic range with minimal clipping of detail on the top highlights of the sky coming through the trees, which is not surprising, while shadow detail is good. Some details lost in blown-out highlights can be recovered when shooting in raw format, using the dedicated View NX2 software. When encountering scenes with wide dynamic range, it is always worth shooting in both raw and JPEG format. Generally, the D3100 produces pleasing levels of contrast.

8/10

# Competition



Pentax K-r  
YET TO BE TESTED



Sony Alpha 390  
YET TO BE TESTED

WITH Nikon marketing the D3100 as the replacement for its entry-level D3000, it is natural to compare it with other entry-level cameras. However, the D3100's specification and price supersede Canon's entry-level camera, the Canon EOS 1000D. This is now more than two years old and virtually half the price. Two years of technological advancements makes the D3100 a better camera and, in fact, it has much more in common with the Canon EOS 550D. This is around £100 more, but is designed for the enthusiast photographer.

The Pentax K-r is likely to offer some stiff competition, too, with an impressive 6fps and 3in, 920,000-dot LCD screen standing out from what is a similar specification and price. However, it only has 720p HD video and 12.2 million pixels. Sony's Alpha 390 has a slightly smaller, 2.7in LCD articulated screen and no HD video, and will be another option for those who don't want to pay the asking price of the D3100.

# Verdict

THANKS to the improvements in features and build quality, the Nikon D3100 has reached a level of quality that surpasses its D3000 predecessor and that of any entry-level DSLR currently available. The addition of Live View, Full HD video, increasing the resolution by four million pixels and enhancing the build quality are all factors that have pushed the D3100 to greater heights. Image quality continues to impress and despite the increase in pixel count it still has acceptable noise levels at high ISO sensitivities. This is a particular strength of Nikon's pro DSLR cameras.

However, all this comes at a cost, and for an entry-level DSLR the D3100 is not cheap. When compared to other models at the same level, though, I believe this is one of the best. The D3100 is a camera built for the beginner, but it should also satisfy photographers as their abilities grow. If substantial changes are needed for a manufacturer to stay ahead of the competition, then Nikon should be sitting pretty. The D3100 marks the next level of quality for an entry-level DSLR, but only time will tell if it is priced correctly for the entry-level photographer.

Amateur Photographer		9/10
Tested as Entry-level DSLR		
Rated Very good		
86%		
FEATURES	9/10	
BUILD/HANDLING	9/10	
NOISE/RESOLUTION	27/30	
DYNAMIC RANGE	8/10	
AWB/COLOUR	9/10	
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# Multi-functional Printers

No longer the jack-of-all-trades and master of none, A4 multi-functional printers are now sleek machines that can save a lot of space on your desktop. **Richard Sibley** takes a look at a range of models on the market

**COMPUTER** printers used to do one thing: print images from a computer. Then, one by one, manufacturers began to add new features. First came the ability to print from a memory card or directly from a camera. This, of course, required the addition of a separate LCD screen. As the printer now had a screen and some buttons, it was easy for printer manufacturers to then offer some basic image-editing functions, without the need for it even to be connected to a computer. Then came scanning capabilities, which allowed printers to be used like photocopiers, or even attached to a phone line and used as a fax. It wasn't long before more sophisticated flatbed scanners were included and, in the end, what we were left

with was a large box that could perform just about any task that a photographer or home office would require.

The problem was that multi-functional printers were large and didn't perform any of their tasks to a high enough standard for photographic use. Primarily they were aimed at home-office users, who didn't require the best printing or scanning technology. As a result, early multi-functional printers had a poor reputation among photographers.

However, times have changed and

**Many multi-functional printers now have scanning and printing resolutions that are on a par with their dedicated equivalents**

nowadays most current multi-functional printers use exactly the same printing and scanning technology as regular photo printers and scanners. Plus, the latest multi-functional printers are stylish and more compact. It is also becoming harder to find standalone A4 printers, so unless you wish to do some particularly specialist scanning or printing, a multi-functional printer may be just what you are looking for. Best of all, buying a single device can save a significant amount of space on your computer desk.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR?

Unlike office or small-business users, the prime concern for photographers should be the quality of the printer and scanner. A sheet feeder that holds 500 A4 sheets, a print speed of 30 pages per minute or the ability to send a fax may be great for business users, but they aren't essential for photographers.

Instead, the two key features are the printing and scanning resolutions. These should be able to match those found in dedicated printers and scanners, and as such you should be looking for a print resolution of at least 4800x1400dpi and a scanning resolution of 4800x4800ppi. This should be enough to produce photographic-quality prints and scans.

However, just as when looking for a photo printer, the colour gamut should also be a major consideration. Generally, the greater the number of different ink cartridges a printer has, the larger its colour gamut will be.

With multi-functional printers, it is also the little things that matter. The ability to print wirelessly via Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, or print straight from a camera or memory card, is a real bonus, particularly when you want to print 300 travel images, for example. Of course, to do this a good-sized screen is important, as well as an easy-to-use in-printer menu system.





## HP PHOTOSMART B110a £100

www.hp.com/uk

### SPECIFICATION

Print resolution	4800x1200dpi
Min droplet size	1.3pl
Ink system	4 inks – black, cyan, magenta, yellow
Interface	USB, Wi-Fi
Scan resolution	1200ppi
Film scanning	No
Fax	No
Copier	Yes
Media cards	Memory Stick Duo/Micro, SD
LCD screen	2.5in
Dimensions	450x420x200mm
Weight	6.02kg



**OF THE** four multi-functional printers here, the HP Photosmart B110a is the best value. As you would expect for a printer and scanner costing £100, it isn't the highest-specified device, although it does have a number of facilities that make it reasonable value for money.

The print resolution is low at only 4800x1200dpi, though the B110a did a reasonable job of printing details in our test images. An A4 colour image printed at best quality takes around three minutes, which is a reasonable speed. The main problem is the colours of the print. Our test chart shows that it is incapable of printing a range of hues between green and blue, resulting in a large cyan band on the colour gradient (see above). I also found that the blacks aren't as dense as they could have been, which results in a slight lack of contrast in images. Using HP paper resulted in good neutral images, even when using the printer's generic greyscale settings.

Frustratingly, the Photosmart B110a

**Although good value for money, the B110a may not meet the demands of the enthusiast photographer**

only has SD and Memory Stick Duo card slots, so CompactFlash users won't be able to print directly from the card. Images shown from the card are displayed on the small built-in LCD screen, which also shows the printer's menu system.

Although the scanning resolution seems a little low at only 1200ppi, this will be more than enough for scanning photographic prints. Colour reproduction is generally good. I found that of all of the scanners here, the default colour settings of the HP model produce the most neutral colours.

Overall, the Photosmart B110a is simple to use and affordable. However, while the print quality may be fine for those wanting to produce the occasional holiday snap, enthusiast photographers will be better spending more money elsewhere.

## KODAK ESP6150 £179.99

www.kodak.co.uk

### SPECIFICATION

Print resolution	9600x2400dpi (optimised)
Min droplet size	2.7pl
Ink system	2 cartridges – black and colour
Interface	USB, Wi-Fi, LAN
Scan resolution	1200ppi print
Film scanning	No
Fax	Yes
Copier	Yes
Media cards	No
LCD screen	2.4in – no image preview
Dimensions	445x236x427mm
Weight	8.5kg



**KODAK'S** ESP6150 is simple to use and set up, although it lacks the in-depth settings found on the Canon and Epson units. It also has the disadvantage that it does not accept memory cards, and as a result there is no image preview available on the screen.

Although seemingly aimed more at the home-office user than photographers, it produces good basic prints. Blacks are a lot darker than on the HP printer, but aren't as dense as those of the Canon and Epson models. The Kodak unit also struggles with a couple of areas in the colour spectrum, with a large band of yellow and blue being particularly noticeable (see above). Greyscale images are neutral, although a little lacking in contrast.

Of the three scanning units, the Kodak performs the worst. The neutral gradient gives away the fact that, by default, images are slightly warm. A more significant problem is that there is noticeable banding in the

**Kodak's ESP6150 struggles to print a range of yellow hues. This is visible as the yellow band in the spectrum**

gradient between some colours – orange very quickly changes to yellow, and cyan to blue.

Like the HP scanner, the maximum scanning resolution is fairly low at 1200ppi, but again, in terms of resolving detail this should be more than enough for scanning prints.

The Kodak ESP6150 looks stylish and is simple to use, but like the HP model its printing and scanning quality do not quite meet the mark as far as serious photographers are concerned.

As it lacks the ability to print directly from memory cards, those who are only interested in printing 6x4in snapshots should also give it a wide berth.





## EPSON PX820FWD £299

www.epson.co.uk

### SPECIFICATION

Print resolution	5760x1440dpi
Min droplet size	1.5pl
Ink system	6 inks – black, cyan, light cyan, magenta, light magenta, yellow
Interface	USB, Wi-Fi, LAN
Scan resolution	4800x4800ppi print
Film scanning	No
Fax	Yes
Copier	Yes
Media cards	USB flash, CompactFlash, Memory Stick Pro/Duo/Micro, SD/HC, xD, Mini SD/HC and Micro SD
LCD screen	3.5in
Dimensions	466x458x198mm
Weight	11.3kg



**EPSON'S** PX820FWD is extremely well specified and comes full of features for both photographers and the home office. The technology behind the printing and scanning functions is based on that found in the firm's dedicated scanners and printers, and as such should be ideal for photographers.

Using the PX820FWD is straightforward thanks to the large 8in touchscreen LCD panel, which has a 3.5in preview screen in the centre. This helps to make the Epson model look sleek and stylish, although it is the largest and heaviest of the four units on test here.

In terms of print resolution, the PX820FWD is second only to the Canon Pixma MG8150. In fact, the two printer units are reasonably matched.

The colour gradient is the best of the four printers reviewed, and it performs particularly well in the magenta and cyan areas. Here, the extra light magenta and light cyan ink cartridges clearly make a difference,

**With light cyan and magenta cartridges, the PX820FWD reproduces these hues very well**

with smoother gradations than on the other printer test charts.

Blacks are also deep, having a slight edge over the density of the blacks produced by the Canon printer. In turn, this results in higher contrast images than those produced by the HP and Kodak printers, and about the same as that produced by the Canon model.

The scanning resolution of the PX820FWD is extremely high, but as it cannot scan negatives it is unlikely that the maximum 4800ppi resolution will be used. Colours produced by the scanner are neutral, but in its default setup they are a little muted. This can be adjusted using the supplied, and third-party, software.

The PX820FWD produces the best prints of these four models, but it is a shame that Epson has not included any film-scanning capabilities in this model or any other in its range.

## CANON PIXMA MG8150 £329

www.canon.co.uk

### SPECIFICATION

Print resolution	9600x2400dpi
Min droplet size	1pl
Ink system	6 inks – black (x2), grey, cyan, magenta, yellow
Interface	USB, Wi-Fi, optional BU-30 Bluetooth Toth unit
Scan resolution	4800x4800ppi print; 4800x9600ppi film
Film scanning	Yes – 6x35mm and 4x35mm slide adapter included
Fax	Yes
Copier	Yes
Media cards	USB flash, CompactFlash, Memory Stick Pro/Duo/Micro, SD/HC, xD, Mini SD/HC and Micro SD
LCD screen	3.5in
Dimensions	470x392x199mm
Weight	10.7kg



**AS THE** most expensive of these four units, the Canon Pixma MG8150 is also the most highly specified. Its sleek, glossy black shell houses the same technology found in Canon's mid-range printers and scanners. Images can be reviewed and settings changed using a 3.5in LCD screen. Although the MG8150 looks like it is devoid of any buttons or controls, the top of the unit is touch sensitive and has buttons that light up when they are in use, which helps make it simple to navigate around the various options.

Despite the MG8150 having a slighter smaller droplet size than the Epson model, there is no discernible difference in the amount of detail it prints. However, the Canon printer doesn't have quite as smooth a colour gradient, largely due to the extra cartridges in the PX820FWD. In practice, colour prints produced by the Canon printer are excellent and in most images there will not be any noticeable difference between the two models.

The MG8150 has a strong advantage

**The Pixma MG8150 offers excellent colour reproduction when both scanning and printing**

when printing black & white images, as an extra grey cartridge means that such images are neutral with smooth gradients. The results are excellent.

The scanner is also very good. Again, on paper, there is little to choose between the Canon and Epson scanners, although in practice the former has the ability to scan film. Holders are included that will take strips of six 35mm film frames, or four 35mm mounted slides. Film scans are not as good as those from a dedicated film scanner, but they are suitable for making prints of up to around A4 in size. Sadly, the MG8150 will not support medium-format film scanning.

For its ability to scan film strips and slides, plus the great black & white images made possible by the grey cartridge, the MG8150 is probably the best multi-functional printer available for enthusiast photographers.





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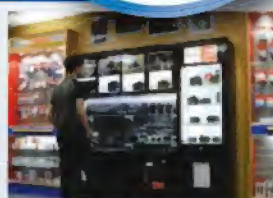
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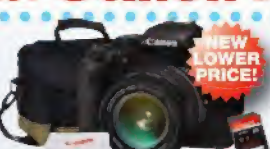
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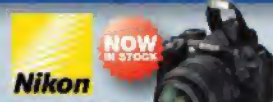
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Until a few years ago, it was virtually impossible to sell a Vest Pocket Kodak, especially the early versions with lazy-tongs struts and no baseboard. You could buy them at boot fairs for £1. Recently, they have gained more respect, but a quick look at completed sales on eBay shows that few original VPKs fetch more than £10, and few Model Bs and Series IIs more than £18-£22. I bought a Series III on eBay while writing this article for under £7 plus postage. Rare versions can make a lot more. Vanity Kodaks, depending on the version and their condition, sell for £40-£200, and more than that from specialised dealers.

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#### Vest Pocket Kodak

The original version of 1912, with basic 'square' bellows. Turning the keys makes it possible to remove the side of the camera for loading the film

#### Vest Pocket Special

One of the early Specials of 1915-1916, with a 9cm f/6.9 Zeiss Tessar and Kodak ball-bearing shutter (1/25sec, 1/50sec, B and T), plus a smart leather covering



# Vest Pocket Kodaks

**Ivor Matanle** tells the story of the 'soldier's camera', the pocketable little Kodak VPK that went to war in the trenches

**FEW CAMERAS** have become as universally known in their time as the original Vest Pocket Kodak – the camera for which 127 rollfilm was invented. Around 1.75 million VPKs in the three principal versions were manufactured between 1912 and 1935, including many sub-versions. To people born around the turn of the 20th century, the VPK became known as the 'soldier's camera' because so many were taken to the trenches during the First World War. An old gentleman I knew during the 1960s, who had been an aircraft mechanic during the 1914-1918 war, told me how one of 'his' pilots had photographed the German lines with a VPK, processed his pictures to contact prints in his billet, and had then been

disciplined, having obtained better pictures than the official reconnaissance flight. Taking a camera to war was strictly prohibited at that time, but many pocket-sized VPKs were illicitly concealed in battle dress to photograph friends and record the mayhem.

With a slim body made of aluminium, painted black and usually kept in a leather or canvas slip case, the early VPKs did not rust, usually remained reliable and produced remarkably good results. Their ball-bearing shutter usually works well even now. For remarkable recent pictures taken in Portugal, with a seriously battered-looking VPK, take a look at <http://camarasclassicas.blogspot.com/2010/08/how-i-got-127-film-for-vpk-and-how-i.html>. It might make you want

to buy one. As mentioned on the site, you can still buy 127 film at [www.fotoimpex.de](http://www.fotoimpex.de), a camera store in Berlin that has English-speaking staff and whose website includes as much English as it does German.

#### THE HISTORY

Kodak had virtually created popular photography during the 1880s with its snapshot box cameras, the original models being loaded with film at the factory, and returned to the factory for processing, prints and reloading. By the turn of the 20th century, Kodak offered a substantial range of box and folding cameras using a number of different rollfilm sizes and formats,





## WATCH OUT FOR

### Shutter, iris diaphragm and bellows

Always check that the shutter works at its different speed settings, that the iris diaphragm provides a smaller or larger aperture as the aperture adjustment is moved and that the bellows have not been pierced or damaged.

### Lens

With VPK Specials and later Model B and Series III cameras with the front glass of the lens visible, make sure that the lens has not been chipped or scratched.

### Film spool

If you want to try to use the camera, make sure that there is an empty 127 film spool inside.



as well as cameras for several sizes of glass plates. Few of these cameras' formats were smaller than 2½x3½in (6x9cm), and most were much larger. The range continued to develop and expand, and in terms of sales and sheer numbers of different cameras and film sizes on sale, Kodak dominated the amateur snapshot photography market before the First World War.

In 1912, Kodak announced a new smaller rollfilm, known as 127 film, and a new Vest Pocket Kodak as its simple, pocketable camera using 127 film to produce eight exposures of 4x6cm. The camera and the format were a fast-growing success story when the First World War convulsed Europe in August 1914. In 1915, perhaps inspired by the potential market among soldiers, Kodak announced the Autographic VPK, a

version of the camera designed for a new A127 film (although normal 127 could be used), and which made it possible, when loaded with A127, to use a metal-pointed stylus, retained in a clip on the back of the camera, to write details of each photograph on the backing paper of the film through a spring-loaded door in the back of the camera. This process, invented by Henry J Gaisman, resulted in the writing being visible in the gaps between exposures on the processed film, and became available for other Kodak Autographic cameras and film sizes, not just for 127. The special A127 Autographic film for the VPK cost more than ordinary 127, which may have resulted in the Autographic capability being little used, as negatives with the Autographic notes visible are rare and this suggests that its cost made it unpopular.

### Autographics

Left-right: Early Autographic Vest Pocket Kodak of about 1915 with its box; Autographic VPK Special with 9cm f/4.9 Tessar in a dial-set shutter; Autographic Vest Pocket Kodak Model B complete with its box

### LENSES AND SHUTTERS

The original version of the Vest Pocket Kodak was a lazy-tongs folding-strut camera, with no baseboard, a 'brilliant' viewfinder hidden behind the front panel and visible only when the front lens panel was pulled forward, and a strut which pivoted from behind the lower edge of the front panel to enable the camera to stand on a flat surface without support. The f/11 meniscus lens was hidden behind the Kodak No 0 Ball Bearing shutter, which offered speeds of 1/25sec, 1/50sec,

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### Vanity models

The blue and green Girl Guide and Boy Scout Model B Vest Pocket Kodaks with their slip cases and set of instructions





**1912**  
Original Vest Pocket Kodak and the first series of VPK Specials appear

**1915**  
The Vest Pocket Autographic Kodak appears

**1920**  
Vest Pocket Autographic cameras in Japan Crystal crackle enamel finish appear

**1925**  
Vest Pocket Kodak Model B appears

**1926**  
Vest Pocket Kodak Series III cameras announced

**1928**  
Vanity Kodaks appear

through the side – this has echoes of the Zeiss Cocarette or even of a screw Leica. The instructions in the original instruction book seem vague as to how, when extending the bellows of the original type of VPK without a baseboard, you find the point of extension at which correct infinity focus is achieved. 'Pull firmly until it stops' seems inexact to me and to place considerable reliance upon depth of field to provide sharp results.

### THE VPK MODEL B

Although the basic Autographic Vest Pocket Kodak continued in production until 1926 (finished in black Japan Crystal crackle enamel from 1920 onwards), Kodak had plans for a major improvement in the massively successful VPK camera during the early 1920s, and in 1925 the company launched the Vest Pocket Kodak Model B. This was a complete re-design, and was a conventional baseboard folding camera, although with the unusual feature that the whole camera assembly (the front, with the front door, the bellows and lens and shutter assembly) was removed from the back assembly for loading. Once again, Mike Butkus's website can provide a PDF file of the original instruction book for a modest donation at [www.cameramanuals.org/kodak\\_pdf/kodak\\_vest\\_pocket\\_b.pdf](http://www.cameramanuals.org/kodak_pdf/kodak_vest_pocket_b.pdf).

The VPK Model B was again an 8-on-127 camera producing negatives 4x6.5cm, initially with either a Rapid Rectilinear lens in a rotary shutter, or a Kodak Periscopic lens in a Kodak ball-bearing shutter. Between 1925 and 1934, several other lens and shutter combinations, some much more upmarket, were offered. All VPK Model B cameras have the Autographic capability.

In 1926, a further series of Autographic Vest Pocket Kodaks appeared, known as the Vest Pocket Kodak Series III. These looked much like Model B VPKs, but were loaded

via a removable back and were of simpler construction. Some Series III cameras had a straightforward black leather finish, but many were produced in various colour combinations as Vanity Kodaks, some of them for special interest groups, the best known in the UK being the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Kodaks (see opposite page). The Series III VPK cameras were made from 1926 until 1934 and quite a range of lens and shutter combinations can be found, particularly in the US.

### THE CRAZE FOR 'VANITY CAMERAS'

The craze for coloured 'ladies' cameras seems to have started during Christmas 1924, when Ansco introduced in the USA a range of brightly coloured folding cameras called the Vanity Cameras. During the following three years, Eastman Kodak simply copied the idea, even down to the name, and from April 1928 until the end of 1933 offered Vanity Kodaks, all Model B or Series III VPKs, under names appropriate to the colours. They were available in blue (Bluebird), green (Cockatoo), grey (Sea Gull), red (Redbreast) and brown (Jenny Wren). These fetch substantially more than normal Model B or Series III VPKs, especially if they have their original box and are in really good condition.

### ACCESSORIES

There were very few dedicated VPK accessories, and most owners did not buy them. The nature of the camera was that it was a snapshotter's camera, and most ordinary people found it difficult to afford the camera, let alone accessories that they would not want to use for family snapshots. There were close-up lenses and colour filters in the catalogue, but you will be hard-pressed to find much evidence of these today.

### Kodak Petite

A beautiful Kodak Petite with its case and box. This is a Series III Autographic Vest Pocket Kodak in blue, and one of the Vanity Kodaks



B and T. Beneath the shutter-speed setting, a panel provided information advising which shutter speed to use in 'Clear' (1/25sec) and 'Brilliant' (1/50sec) weather, and recommended a tripod for 'Gray' (1/2sec), 'Dull' (3/4sec) and 'V. Dull' (1sec).

When the Autographic VPK was available, from 1915, it was offered with either the f/11 meniscus lens, or with an f/7.7 Rapid Rectilinear lens (a symmetrical pair of doublets). Soon after the launch of the Autographic VPK, an additional Autographic Special model was announced. In these, still 'lazy-tong' cameras without baseboards but with superior lenses, the glass of the front element was visible in front of the shutter. Various f/6.9 and f/7.7 lenses from Kodak, Bausch & Lomb, Zeiss, Ross, Berthiot and Cooke were fitted, and there was even a now-rare version with an f/4.5 Tessar in a dial-set Compur shutter.

For such a simple camera, it is remarkably easy to make mistakes when loading or setting up a VPK. Fortunately, it is possible to download a PDF copy of the original instruction book at [www.cameramanuals.org/kodak\\_pdf/kodak\\_vest\\_pocket-1.pdf](http://www.cameramanuals.org/kodak_pdf/kodak_vest_pocket-1.pdf) for a small donation by card to Mike Butkus, the creator of the website. If you are experienced at loading various types of classic cameras of different periods, you will not be too surprised at the requirement to thread the film backing paper onto the take-up spool outside the camera, and then load the two spools into the camera



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12.1 MEGAPIXELS

Inc. 20mm £579.99  
Inc. 14-45mm £499.99

**KEY ACCESSORIES**  
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DMW-FL220 Flashgun.....£148.99

**Panasonic Lumix G2** **2010 TIP A**

12.1 MEGAPIXELS

Inc. 14-42mm £479.99  
Inc. 14-42 & 45-200mm £749.00

**KEY ACCESSORIES**  
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12.1 MEGAPIXELS

Inc. 14-140mm £899.00

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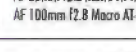
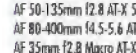
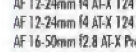
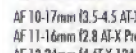
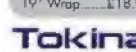
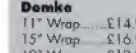
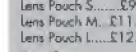
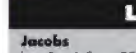
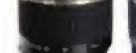
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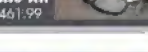
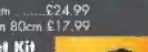
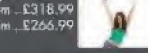
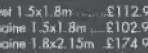
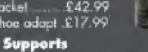
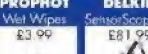
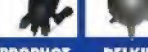
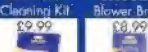
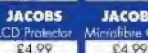
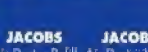
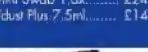
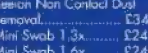
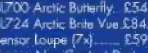
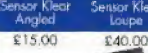
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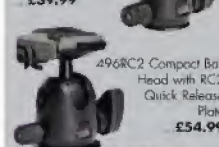
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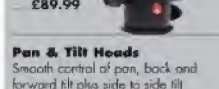
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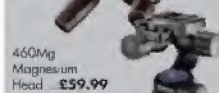
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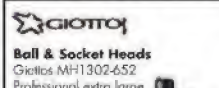
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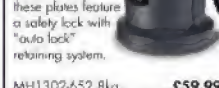
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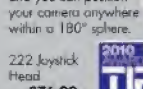
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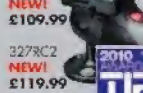
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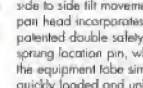
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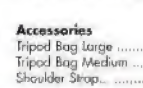
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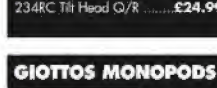
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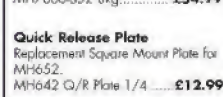
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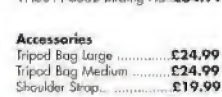
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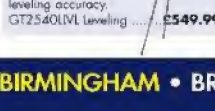
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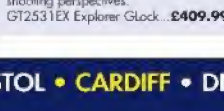


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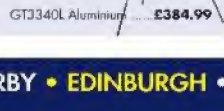


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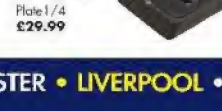
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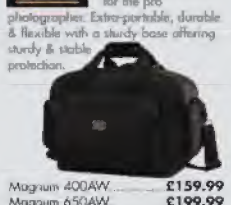
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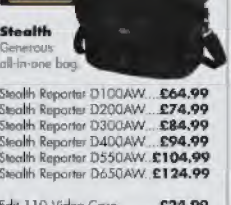


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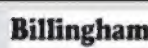
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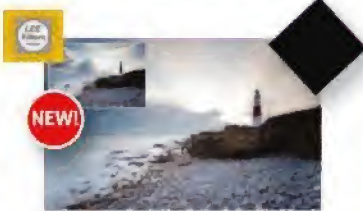


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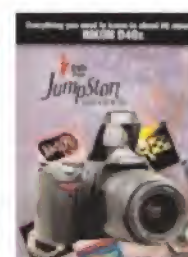
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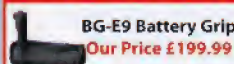
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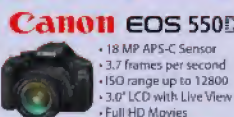
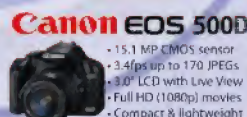
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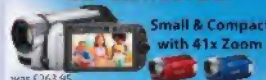
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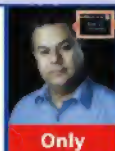


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## SQUARE FILTERS

### P-Type Filter System

The P-Type square/rectangular filter system consists of three parts:

- 1) An adapter ring that screws onto the front of your lens
- 2) A filter holder clips onto the ring
- 3) One or more P-Type (84mm wide) filters

P-Type Adapter Rings	
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55mm Adapter Ring	£4.99
58mm Adapter Ring	£4.99
62mm Adapter Ring	£4.99
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Neutral Density filters have a multitude of uses - from increasing detail in landscapes and reducing over-exposed skies. In creating stunning motion scenes by reducing shutter speeds. Here's a kit which includes all the popular ND filters, and everything you need to get started! The kit contains: 1x ND2 Filter, 1x ND8 Soft Graduated Filter, 1x ND4 Filter, 1x ND4 Soft Graduated Filter, 1x P-Type Filter Holder, 1x P-Type Adapter Ring of your choice (49-82mm). Just £45.99 - saving £5 on the individual prices.

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## STEPPING RINGS

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43-46mm	55-52mm	58-67mm	72-67mm
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Sony: 52, 55, 58, 62, 67mm	

### Extension Tubes

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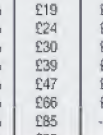
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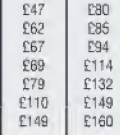
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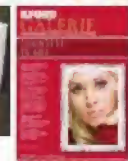
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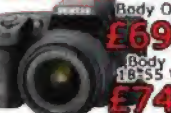
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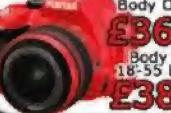
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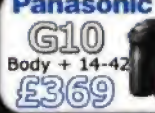


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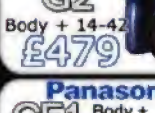
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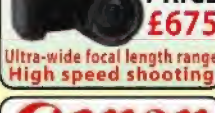


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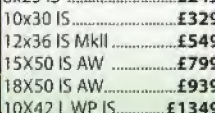
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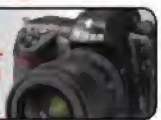
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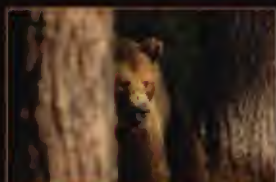


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# ROGER HICKS

**Are foreigners really guilty of taking our jobs, and would you really be any different if the roles were reversed?**

**IT'S A COMMON** enough moan: foreigners coming over 'ere, taking our jobs. It's quite interesting, though, to reflect upon the number of jobs where you don't hear this complaint. Footballers, for example, or England football managers. How about academics? Or, for that matter, photographers.

It's also interesting when the boot is on the other foot (as it were). You very seldom hear anyone say, 'I'm going to go over there and take one of their jobs.' And yet, there is a fine old tradition of British photographers (and writers, magazine editors and media personalities) making successful careers in the United States, or even in France. Although arguably, I suppose, the language barrier can be similar in either country.

When, then, does 'taking our jobs' become an issue? If you or I decide to up sticks and go in search of a better living, it's commendable resourcefulness. When Johnny Foreigner does it, it's somehow unjust. A bit of a double standard, this.

There's also an interesting question about which of 'our jobs' they are taking. We have a young Bulgarian friend who works six months a year in France: backbreaking work in the fields, mostly at harvest time. They grow melons around here, so that's why he's around for about two months a year. I've never picked melons, but it doesn't look like easy work, and besides, when he's here, he lives in cramped temporary quarters with a dozen or so of his compatriots. Seasonal agricultural employment is not a career most of us would choose, partly because it's seasonal and partly because it's very badly paid. I saw the same when I lived in California: Mexican *campesinos* sleeping in bunk beds, six or eight to a garage. Were they taking jobs from *norteamericanos*? Probably not, in many cases.

All right, it's easy for me to come at this from a semi-retired, middle-class viewpoint, and a photographer and writer at that. These are, as I say, two jobs where there has always been a fair degree of international mobility. But my mate John is a small builder. He's a lot less worried about foreigners taking his job than he is about getting paid by, yes, the well-to-do middle classes. Or our chum Julie, who is a hairdresser. Is she afflicted by an influx of Polish or Portuguese hairdressers? Not really. She may take

on the occasional foreign apprentice or even qualified hairdresser (she owns a couple of salons). But neither she, nor the girls she takes on, nor the customers, sees this as 'taking our jobs'. It's just someone trying to earn an honest living.

This is where it becomes really intriguing. Increasingly, I harbour the suspicion that those who are most vocal about immigrants 'taking our jobs', vis-à-vis the gutter press, are actually the least at

risk, or in some cases, the most hypocritical, given the number of foreign newspaper proprietors that Britain has seen: remember the Bouncing (but not floating) Czech? And it becomes more intriguing still if you imagine yourself seeking a career in photography.

What, after all, would you not do? Where would you not go? Of course, I am assuming that you are one of those driven and slightly batty souls who would rather pursue photography as a trade, profession or calling, despite the hard work and uncertainty, than take the more rational course of a steady if unexciting job in order to put food on the table and film (or memory cards) into the camera, with photography as a hobby.

On the basis of that assumption, though, wouldn't you go to New York to shoot fashion? Or Afghanistan as a war photographer? Or Paris to work on a newspaper? Thereby depriving, of course, an American, Afghan or French photographer of a job?

You might well fancy none of these. Supposing you wanted to photograph wildlife instead, would you really turn down a chance to work in Africa because you'd be depriving an African photographer of a job? How about California, shooting celebrity portraits? Choose your own ambition, your own fantasy, your own dream. As soon as it's you, it's a different ball game.

As indeed it is for our melon-picking chum. As he says, 'I work like a dog, and people look down on me. They treat me like I am not human. I have a degree. I have two houses in Bulgaria. But in Bulgaria there is no work, so I come here.'

Personally, I'd much rather take pictures, or write magazine articles, than pick melons. But why, when you think about it, should we have one standard for photographers and another for melon pickers? Or one standard for ourselves, and another for other people? **AD**

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